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Church primaries are top of the class

By JOHN O'LEARY
EDUCATION EDITOR

CHURCH schools dominate the first primary league tables today in an exercise which exposes alarming variations in the performance of state schools across England. Only 15 schools out of 14,500 saw all their pupils achieve the scores expected of an 11-year-old in English, mathematics and science tests last summer. Four out of ten children nationally failed to reach the required levels — although English and maths results showed a 10 per cent improvement on 1995. Two-thirds of the top 100 places are taken by church schools — most

of them small and oversubscribed — and head teachers are preparing for a flood of applications. The Church of England Board of Education said that many already had to select pupils on the basis of family involvement in the church. Elsewhere, however, the results show sharp differences between schools with similar intakes. And while most of the bottom schools are in the inner cities, there is underachievement in unexpected areas. At the Littleham School in Exmouth, for example, none of the 16 pupils reached the expected standard in mathematics. The tables challenge other orthodoxies, such as the link between

class sizes and performance. Hackney, in east London, whose classes are the second smallest in England, comes bottom of the local authority league table, while Kingston-upon-Thames, with the largest classes, is eighth of the 119 authorities. Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said: "Parents will want to know why there are these differences between schools. Why are some achieving such poor results?" Today she will produce an analysis putting Labour authorities at the bottom of both primary and secondary tables, and claim that Labour policies would destroy the grant-maintained and church schools at the top of the tables.

However, Labour said that the results showed the Government's incompetence in tackling the basics. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said: "It is disgraceful that four in ten of our 11-year-olds cannot master the three Rs effectively." He added that the tables came too late to help parents to choose a primary school. Labour would require education authorities to publish the results locally. "I'm sure that most parents would find it more useful to read details from several hundred primary schools in their city or county in November rather than wait until March and wading through more than 14,000."

David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, described the tables as a confidence trick, in which no account was taken of pupils' background. He also said that scores were distorted by absences and special educational needs. Doug McAvo, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the exercise was a waste of time and funds because outside factors had such a strong influence on pupil achievement. "Parents have more hope of winning the National Lottery than of getting any useful information from these league tables." The primary tables represent the biggest public information exercise

for 50 years, and cost more than £1 million. They included results from almost all state primaries, apart from those where fewer than ten pupils took the tests. Fifty schools, which either did not set the tests or refused to send papers to be marked, will face further scrutiny by the Office for Standards in Education. Another 22 are missing from the tables because their results went astray for reasons beyond their control. They include eight schools in Lambeth, south London, which lost their test papers in a parcel van robbery.

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"Teacher's been kept in to study his tables"

Whitehall reminded publicly of poll 'duty'

By VALERIE ELLIOTT
WHITEHALL EDITOR

NEW rules to remind Britain's 480,000 civil servants of their duty to stay impartial during the general election campaign are to be made public. Senior officials believe the move will help civil servants to distance themselves from the heat of an acrimonious campaign that could last six weeks.

By publishing the advice, officials will also be given leverage and protection against any minister attempting to breach their impartiality. Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, is amending the draft guidance. It will be released once the Prime Minister announces the election date and Parliament's dissolution.

The move is particularly important at a time when Labour politicians are concerned about civil servants' allegiance and after Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has publicly condemned Whitehall for leaking information to Labour.

Officials are reminded to take care and to remain objective and impartial. Advice during the 1992 election campaign was not published but The Times has established that warnings were issued against involvement in political activities. Senior grades cannot, for example, be a parliamentary candidate or hold office in a political party.

One concern among officials of late has been the propriety of publishing policy statements when the Government has insufficient time to legislate. In the past few months the Government has published such statements on global trading, the safeguarding of the National Health Service, an adoption policy, reform of social services and, this week, plans for elderly people's nursing homes.

Jonathan Baume, 43, was elected yesterday as general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants. It represents most senior mandarins.

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Nursing home fees insurance

People would be given incentives to insure themselves against the expense of long-term care under Stephen Dorrell's £200 million proposals for reducing the number of elderly people who have to sell their homes to pay nursing home fees. It would cost a man £8,000 and a woman £13,000 to protect assets worth £100,000. Page 10

Pakistan court supports bride

The year-long ordeal of a young Pakistani couple, who married in defiance of the bride's parents, ended when Lahore High Court declared their marriage legal and valid. Islamic hardliners have attacked the ruling as an assault on the traditional male-dominated family, the bedrock of Pakistani culture. Page 11

RA bursar jailed

A former bursar at the Royal Academy of Art, who stole almost £400,000 from the institution to win back the affection of his wife after he had been unfaithful, was jailed for five years at Southwark Crown Court. Page 7

Disney under fire

Descendants of Victor Hugo have condemned Walt Disney's cartoon film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* as an obscene exploitation of their ancestor's work. Page 16

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Ripper stabbed in eyes by Broadmoor inmate

By DANIEL McGRORY AND RICHARD FORD

PETER SUTCLIFFE, the Yorkshire Ripper, was under guard in hospital last night after being stabbed in both eyes in a fight with a fellow inmate at Broadmoor top security unit.

A hospital spokesman described his condition as "serious" but could not say if the 50-year-old serial killer would be permanently blinded.

Sutcliffe was stabbed with a fibre-tipped pen in the eyes after a fight in Henley Ward, which houses some of Britain's most dangerous criminals. Last night it was confirmed that his attacker was Ian Kay, who killed John Penfold, a trainee manager at Woolworth's branch in Teddington, southwest London, in November 1994. Kay, now 29, grabbed two 50p coins from the till, after stabbing Penfold through the heart with a kitchen knife.

A source inside Broadmoor last night described how Sutcliffe — who is serving life for the murder of 13 women — was reading in his room. His attacker in the high dependency unit walked into the room and after raised voices were heard the source said there were screams of pain from Sutcliffe, who has long been a target for attacks.

"There was a scuffle and Sutcliffe appeared to be stabbed straight into both eyeballs by what we think was

a fibre-tip pen. Blood was pouring from both eyes," the source said.

"The points of those types of pens are very sharp and can do a lot of damage. We have had other patients in Broadmoor who have been stabbed with such implements which are freely available in the work areas and used for drawing."

As other prisoners and hospital staff came to his help, Sutcliffe was examined by doctors at Broadmoor and then escorted to the specialist eye unit at Frimley Park hospital near Camberley, Surrey.

Uniformed police stood guard at the main entrance as the ambulance arrived from Broadmoor and Sutcliffe, with bandages over his eyes, walked to a lift and was taken

for immediate surgery. His Broadmoor escorts remained alongside his bed as he was treated by doctors.

A member of the hospital staff said: "I later saw him sitting up and talking. He seemed quite animated."

Detectives were last night investigating the attack which comes a year after Sutcliffe was almost garrotted by a convicted thief who calmly knocked on the door of his private room and strangled him with the flex from a pair of headphones.

Sutcliffe — who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1981 — shouted for help and was only saved by the intervention of Kenneth Erskine, known as the Stockwell Strangler.

A spokesman at Broadmoor said last night that detectives had interviewed Sutcliffe's attacker but he had not been removed from Henley ward.

The attack on Sutcliffe comes only a week after Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, announced a wide-ranging review of the management of Broadmoor special hospital — concentrating on security and the quality of care.

The move followed criticism of security and staffing levels at Broadmoor by the Prison Officers' Association, which warned in a recent report that the hospital was reaching "breaking point".



Sutcliffe: has been a target for attacks

'Snail-like' pensions inquiry angers MPs

By ADAM JONES

ONE of the City watchdogs responsible for winning compensation for people who had been sold the wrong pensions was criticised in the House of Commons yesterday for "snail-like" progress.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) told the Treasury Select Committee that, of 558,000 cases where people may have lost money, only 7,000 have received compensation. It said the review is now costing £5 million a year.

Diane Abbott, the Labour MP, said the progress was "pathetic" and "snail-like", while for the Conservatives Quentin Davies said the PIA had failed to "get to first base" in its attempts to identify which life insurance companies were dragging their feet in tracking down victims.

The scandal arose when employees were encouraged to leave company pension schemes with good benefits for personal pensions run by life insurance companies. Most were left worse off as a result, but the inquiry into the size of the deficits has been bogged down since 1994.

Collette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, said 11,000 people have been offered compensation totalling £80 million by insurance companies. Of these, 7,000 have accepted pay-outs worth £60 million.

Fog danger warning after M42 carnage

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THIS was the scene of devastation on the M42 near Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday after three multiple collisions in dense fog. Three people died and 62 were injured. A total of 110 vehicles was involved. Motorists were warned last night to expect further fog today. It is forecast to be dense across Wales, the Midlands and South East, and to clear only slowly.

Police investigating the M42 pile-ups said that poor visibility and excessive speed were important factors.

"The indications are that similar weather conditions will prevail during the coming days. It is absolutely vital that motorists reduce their speed," said John Burbeck, assistant Chief Constable of West Mercia.

A young man was killed in a crash on the A1(M) in Hertfordshire and on the same road near Doncaster about 50 vehicles were involved in nine pile-ups. Twenty people were hurt.

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All a-bored for a journey to a destination of your choice

Yesterday, MPs cross-questioned the Transport Secretary. It is very possible that Sir George Young will never hold that office again. A notable day, then, for him. You would not have thought so. The Chamber was three-quarters empty, the Press Gallery thinly attended, the Strangers Gallery bored. The level of excitement is conveyed by this example of the exchanges:

Douglas French (C, Gloucester): "Has my friend noticed the increased

incidence of diagonal hatch-marks on the road...?"

John Birt (junior minister): "My hon friend makes an important point."

This was one of the more gripping of the afternoon's interludes. As riveting was the repartee between John Owen Jones (Lab, Cardiff Central) and junior minister John Watts. Mr Jones complained that a constituent travelling by rail had been "stranded in Ascot on a journey to Aldershot".

Mr Watts, a cautious minis-

ter accustomed to rely on notes, threw off the shackles — demob-happy — with a daring personal reflection: "As one who lives in Ascot I can say there are worse places to be stranded!" Do not mock. This was probably the first time Watts has strayed from his brief. The merry quip was received in silence.

Oh Mr Minister
What shall I do?
I wanted to go to Aldershot
And they've stopped my train near you.

Nigel Forman (C, Carshal-



ton & Wallington) told ministers it was most important "that the 8.07 from Carshalton reaches London Bridge Station on time".

Mr Forman is a thoughtful and informed man: pleasant, tolerant, still young, and distinguished by a sharp mind and a steady judgment. He was once a minister, then

wasn't. It is a tragedy of Shakespearean proportions, played upon a pantomime stage, that such a man should be reduced to monitoring the 8.07 from Carshalton.

Sandwiched between two bouts of Transport Questions, MPs asked questions about the infrastructure of the Commons. Tony Banks (Lab,

Newham NW), in "what a way you are, Tony!" mode, tried a joke about an "election bonus" for Commons staff, "in addition to the bonus of a Labour government". It might be better if Mr Banks just wore a flashing bow-tie and left it at that.

I watched the Transport Secretary handling a scintillating question from Anthony Steen (C, South Hams) about the European Ground Handling Directives, and noticed that nobody was taking the least notice of Sir George. It

was not far from being his last Transport question yesterday, perhaps ever.

What a temptation, then, to drone (in his downbeat, unemphatic way): "I am pleased to announce that my department has discovered a way to dematerialise humans and beam them to the destination of their choice, where they can be rematerialised."

"This renders the nation's entire road, rail and air network redundant."

Nobody would bat an eyelid. The Hansard stenogra-

phers would tap away, poked-faced as ever; the Tories might manage a perfunctory "hear, hear"; and Labour's Spokesman, Andrew Smith (who always rants, so nobody listens), would routinely denounce the initiative, either as "another stale policy from a tired and discredited government whose days are numbered" or else "another desperate gimmick from an increasingly desperate and panicky government, whose days... etc."

Or possibly both.

Labour faces cowardice charge after new U-turn

By Jill Sherman and Arthur Leathley

LABOUR was last night accused of abandoning yet another policy as it backed away from an assault on the Government over an energy tax.

Last year, Dawn Primarolo, a member of Labour's Treasury team, said in the Commons that the tax on material for insulation, should be cut "in the name of justice, jobs, democracy and energy efficiency." This year, however, Alistair Darling, the Shadow Chief Treasury Secretary, has made clear that the party will not support the same proposals, even though there is a good chance of defeating the Government in a vote.

Environmental pressure groups and the Liberal Democrats have turned on Labour for failing to support an amendment to reduce VAT on insulation and other energy

savers from 17.5 per cent to 8 per cent.

Mr Darling last night said that Labour was unable to back any spending commitments, however small, which it could not guarantee to deliver.

He indicated that Labour would abstain in today's amendment in the Budget-enacting Finance Bill and would promise only that the issue would be reviewed if the party won the election.

The Government avoided defeat on the VAT insulation vote last year by only one vote when Labour backed calls for a reduction to 8 per cent. Campaigners were confident that if Labour voted with other opposition parties this year, the Government — now in a minority — could be defeated. At least three Tory MPs have indicated they will not vote

with the government. However, 23 Labour MPs who signed a Commons amendment supporting a cut in the charge have now removed their names. The Liberal Democrats allege that Labour whips have exerted pressure on backbenchers to drop calls for a reduction.

Campaigners say it is ludicrous that 8 per cent VAT added to fuel charges was intended to reduce energy consumption, yet there remains a high charge on materials designed to cut the amount of fuel used. They estimate the cost of the scheme as only £8 million a year.

Yesterday, Matthew Taylor, a Liberal Democrat MP, tabled an early day motion with two Tory MPs, Sir John Hannan and Jerry Hayes condemning Labour's change of tack. "Faced with a chance

to defeat the Tories, Labour chickened out. This proves Labour cannot be trusted on tax, and it proves Labour cannot be trusted on the environment," it says.

Labour also confirmed that it would not vote against the Government on the rises in airport tax announced in the Budget. Although the party strongly opposed the tax when it was introduced in 1994, it abstained last November during the Budget debate and did not raise it during committee stage.

The Scottish National Party and the Liberal Democrats had been hoping that Labour would support an amendment to exclude the Scottish Highlands and Islands from the airport tax. The Ulster Unionists have also tabled an amendment excluding a wider area.



The Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev David Smith, meets a Big Issue vendor in Bradford yesterday as part of a national campaign organised by the Churches National Housing Coalition to highlight the plight of the homeless. The Bishop of Manchester attacked the main political parties for ignoring the plight of the 'have nots' in the run up to the General Election as he, along with other bishops around the country, took to the streets to help to sell The Big Issue magazine.

There's no going back for party, Blair tells voters

By Philip Webster, Political Editor

TONY BLAIR yesterday countered Conservative attempts to scare voters with the prospect of a landslide Labour election victory by declaring that his party had changed irrevocably.

The Labour leader, repeating his warning to his party against complacency, set out to reassure the electorate that Labour would never again be dominated by the "trade unions or the far Left. The party manifesto would be 'uncompromisingly new Labour. People have to know that we will run [for election] from the centre and that we will govern from the centre."

But amid signs that the Conservatives are seeking to use the latest opinion polls predicting a huge Labour victory and Robin Cook's remarks predicting a landslide, Mr Blair said there would be no going back on the "revolutionary" changes.

John Major's remark yesterday that he would be deciding his election programme "over the next few days" raised suspicions that he would tonight use his weekly audience with the Queen to bring her up to date with his plans for the election timetable. He could announce a May 1 election on Friday.

Mr Blair told the Newspaper Society in London yesterday that there would "emphatically be no return" to the past relationship with the unions. "Those days are over." The basic industrial relations legislation intro-

duced by the Conservatives would not be repealed; there would be no return to strikes being called without workers being balloted; no flying pickets, secondary action "or any of the rest of it."

The Parliamentary Labour Party, Mr Blair said, was governed by a tough disciplinary code and a Labour government would not be "given the runaround" by small groups of MPs as the current Government had. Because of "unalterable" structural changes to the Labour Party, it was now in touch with the opinions of real people, rather than those of a few activists or pressure groups.

He said: "New Labour is real and it is here to stay. The changes we have made have altered not just the policies of the Labour Party but our political culture."

People had to know that the old days of tax and spend were over, he said. "I do not deny that there has been a hard battle over tax and spend. Change is hard. But that battle has been won."

Mr Blair denied that the changes amounted to a surrender to the Right's programme. "The irony of British politics to those who remember the 1970s and 1980s is that today it is the Labour Party that is the party of practical ideas: the Tories, the party of ideology. They are far more in thrall to dogma than us."

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Peter Mandelson, page 20

Strang attacks Hogg over BSE error

By Polly Newton, Political Reporter

DOUGLAS HOGG was criticised last night after he admitted giving inaccurate information to his Labour shadow about the disposal of cattle infected with BSE. The mistake prompted Labour calls for a Commons statement from the Agriculture Minister on the Government's handling of the BSE crisis.

In a written Parliamentary answer last Thursday, Mr Hogg told Gavin Stang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, that three cattle suspected of having BSE, or "mad cow" disease, were buried last year rather than incinerated. Yesterday, the Ministry of Agriculture said the three carcasses had been used for research.

European and Government guidelines say carcasses infected with BSE should be burned to avoid any possibility of land or water supplies becoming contaminated. The Ministry of Agriculture has told Dr Strang that the remains of 6,120 BSE-infected cattle were buried at landfill sites around Britain before the practice was stopped, but it refuses to give details of where and when on the grounds of "disproportionate cost."

Dr Strang increased the pressure on Mr Hogg yesterday, with a letter to the minister demanding that information. Labour backbencher Helen Jackson, who has put down several questions about BSE, also raised the issue in the Commons.

Leaders prepare to eat and sleep their way through campaign

By Polly Newton, Political Reporter

JOHN MAJOR'S prediction yesterday that he will work at least 18 hours a day in the election campaign invited inevitable comparison with his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

She was renowned for her ability to function on very little sleep and would not have batted an eyelid at an 18-hour day, according to Sir Bernard Ingham, her former press secretary.

"It would have been slightly under the norm," he said. "She did about 20 hours a day, pretty much all the time. That is what I would expect people to do during a general election. I don't think you rest much at all; you try to make sure that you stay in one piece." In her book, *The*

Downing Street Years, Lady Thatcher said she had trained herself to make do with around four hours' sleep a night. "There was an intensity about the job of being Prime Minister which made sleep seem a luxury," she wrote.

Earlier this year, Conservative Party strategists said they would try to minimise the risk of mistakes caused by tiredness during the campaign by ensuring that Mr Major was in bed by midnight. But a source admitted that now looked impossible, because of the number of meetings and rallies he will attend.

In any case, Mr Major's performance at a party thrown in his honour in London on Sunday night suggests he may be less keen than

his minders on the idea of early exits. He stayed at The Ivy restaurant until 11.15pm, three quarters of an hour after the party was supposed to end, chatting to celebrities invited by Sir Tim Rice. Among those enjoying the canapés and wine were Sir Cliff Richard, Joan Collins, Fiona Fullerton and Annette Rice.

If Mr Major suffered any morning-after symptoms, they were assuaged with half a grapefruit and a boiled egg, the breakfast he revealed to radio listeners he had enjoyed yesterday.

But there was no chance of a lie-in. He was up at his usual time, between 6am and 6.30am. He told Talk Radio: "I'm up, showered and working within 20 minutes or so."

And I have a series of red boxes with lots of papers that are hanging over from the previous night that I'll start work on straight away."

He expected his working day to get longer the nearer it got to polling day, he said. The other party leaders are also prepared for a change of pace.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, has the advantage of a military training which has taught him how to cat-nap for as little as ten minutes at a time to refresh himself. An aide said Mr Ashdown usually made do with six hours' sleep a night.

A spokesman for Tony Blair said the Labour leader was used to early starts but tried to get home to see his family in the evening.

The best power breakfast is the usual



Dr Thomas Stuttford

all day. Most doctors would agree that an ideal breakfast restores the blood sugar level so that the brain is well-nourished, but not cause such a sudden increase that it brings on a great outpouring of insulin from the pancreas.

Too greater flow of insulin can create hypoglycaemia, and thereafter an even lower

blood sugar and a sluggish intellect. This can follow a breakfast in which there is too much refined carbohydrate: an excess of Danish pastries for example, rather than porridge followed by some crispy bacon.

Research has found that although a breakfast containing protein, or complex starch-

es such as porridge, restored the blood sugar level, and kept it at a level at which the IQ was at its best, the value of a breakfast was also determined by the person's past breakfasting habits.

If the Prime Minister was, for instance, used to a full traditional breakfast a skimpy meal might blunt his intellectual sharpness. Likewise, for anyone accustomed to only a glass of orange and a cup of coffee before rushing to the office, the luxury of having time for even an egg and grapefruit, let alone a traditional English breakfast, could also damage his alertness and performance at press conferences.

Man killed in gang shoot-out

More than 120 people fled in terror after rival gangs gate-crashed a party in a nightclub and opened fire with a machinegun, killing one man and wounding three others just before dawn yesterday.

The gangs fought both inside and outside the Imperial Garden Club in Cumberwell, southeast London. Norman Lyndsy, 26, of South Norwood, was killed, and three others were shot in the head, hand and leg. They are under armed guard in hospital. Police suspect that the shootings were drug-related.

Third victim

A woman aged 83 has become the third elderly resident from a nursing home to die in an outbreak of *E. coli* O157 poisoning. Tayside Health Board said that two new cases of secondary infection, a woman aged 78 and a care assistant aged 23, have now been confirmed at Cairn Lodge nursing home, Arbroath.

Jail rejected

Plans to house hundreds of prisoners in a former holiday camp near Morecambe were rejected last night by councillors in Lancashire. They said that the proposal to put 700 offenders in the disused Pontins camp would hit the tourist industry. A Prison Service spokesman said: "We are disappointed but we are considering our position."

Sellafield threat

The Irish Government is considering legal action to stop the construction of a proposed nuclear waste dump at Sellafield. Emmet Stagg, Junior Energy Minister, said at the Irish Embassy in London that construction of the facility, 1,000 metres beneath Sellafield could lead to an unacceptable increase in pollution of the Irish Sea.

Fisherman dies

An Irish fisherman died after his boat was in collision with a Spanish trawler, Daniel O'Driscoll, 41, drowned after the *Exodus*, a 40ft wooden vessel from Castletownbere, west Cork, was hit in the side by the *Sea Horse*, a 120ft steel trawler. His two crew survived. Irish police last night put a 48-hour detention order on the Spanish boat.

Chocolate alert

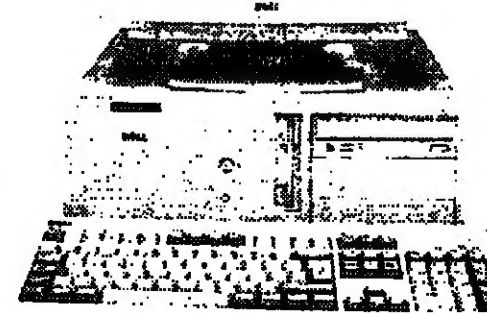
A range of chocolate body paints sold by BHS may have been contaminated with traces of nut, which could cause sickness or death by choking in anyone suffering from nut allergy. The store group said the product was sold under names such as Hot Fudge Fantasy and Kissing Chocolate. An advice line — 0800 181107 — has been set up.

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'Children were screaming and dodging between cars. We ran along the top of vehicles to help people'

Speeding drivers blamed for three deaths in M42 fog

By STEPHEN FARRELL

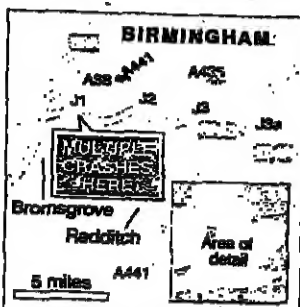
EMERGENCY services blamed speeding drivers yesterday for the triple pile-up on the fog-bound M42, where three people died and 62 were injured. Witnesses told how cars and lorries continued to crash into blazing lines of wreckage as motorists and rescue workers were trying to free trapped passengers.

The accidents created a mass of twisted metal stretching a quarter of a mile near Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. Part of the road surface was melted in the heat, and at one point there was concern that a fuel tanker would ignite.

Paramedics began to treat the injured on the edge of the motorway as three hospitals declared major emergency alerts. The motorway was closed for several miles last night for resurfacing and repairs to crash barriers, but the Highways Agency hoped to reopen both carriageways before this morning's rush hour.

Police and fire officers criticised speeding drivers for ignoring fog and visibility warnings. Douglas Mackay, deputy chief fire officer of Hereford and Worcester Fire Service, said: "It is a classic example of the sort of accident

we get when vehicles drive too fast and too close in these conditions. When I was driving to the scene at 8am with my blue lights flashing and at a reasonable speed, I still had cars overtake me in excess of 70mph. That was in conditions of 50-metres visibility. It is just disgusting behaviour. The initial fire crews were faced with a wall of flame



through the mist, and with casualties staggering around the motorway wondering what was going on."

A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance service said: "It's an unnecessary catastrophe. The fog must have played a major role, and the way people have been driving."

The accident began with an area of small collisions around

6am. Police tried to clear the scene, but were soon faced with 60 vehicles in a multiple collision at 0.45am between junctions one and two on the southbound lanes. Up to 22 vehicles were alight, including two lorries and a police Range Rover, and fears grew that the flames would spread to a tanker filled with benzene near the centre of the pile-up. Fire and ambulance crews struggling to reach the scene were further hampered by another collision involving 30 vehicles on the northbound lanes shortly after 7am.

Tim Birkin, 36, an engineer from Staffordshire, told how he braked before hitting the crashed cars, but his Ford Mondeo was hit by a lorry and burst into flames. He said: "I couldn't believe what was happening. The fire was spreading very easily. There was a petrol tanker two cars behind me but the police pulled it away before it could ignite. The whole scene seemed like a scrapyard. I was lucky to escape with my life."

Gary Knight, a lorry driver, told how rescuers tried to pull others from burning vehicles as petrol tanks and tyres exploded. "We were running



Rescue workers survey burnt-out wrecks in one of the pile-ups. A fire chief said he was disgusted by the speed of drivers in the fog

over the top of vehicles, trying to help people out. I managed to drag out one chap out who was quite badly injured. We were trying to get some lad out of a car. The heat was keeping us away. There was nothing we could do."

Ann Gaskell, 34, from Kew,

southwest London, was treated at Selly Oak Hospital for cuts and bruises after escaping from her car just before it burst into flames. She said: "A Transit van went right over my roof. I just felt fear and panic as I heard more and more smashes. There were

children screaming and dodging between the cars."

Among the dead were Malcolm MacDonald, aged 53, a postman from Redditch, who was on the way to deliver mail to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Redditch, and Lisa Susan Dodson, 21, a student,

from Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster. The third victim had not been named.

Last night, 22 people were detained in hospital. Eight were at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, one of them in intensive care with a broken pelvis, broken shoulder blade

and punctured lung. At Selly Oak Hospital, there were two in intensive care, one with a broken neck and the other after emergency surgery to serious chest and stomach injuries. Three people were also treated for minor injuries at Sandwell Hospital.

HIV doctor did not take test despite warning

By ADRIAN LEE

A JUNIOR doctor who has the Aids virus admitted yesterday that he did not take an HIV test despite being told by his lover that he had infected her.

Patrick Ngosa, who worked at five NHS hospitals, failed to attend a hearing of the General Medical Council's Professional Conduct Committee in London. His lawyer said he had been the victim of a witch hunt and was terrified.

The hearing was told that the doctor, a gynaecologist and obstetrician who qualified in Zambia, admitted a number of allegations against him: that he had an affair with "Mrs A" between about May 1994 and December 1995; that on May 1 last year, she told him that she had been diagnosed HIV positive; that at a series of meetings with the medical authorities in 1996, he denied the affair; and that throughout that year he did not take an HIV test.

The doctor, who worked within the NHS for six years, also admitted that he should have taken adequate steps to verify his HIV status. However, he denies that any of his behaviour amounted to serious professional misconduct.

Nicola Davies, QC, for Dr Ngosa, lost an attempt to have the hearing in private. She argued that he was a patient and thus had a right to confidentiality. Her application to have the hearing adjourned to give him a chance to attend at a later date was also refused.

Miss Davies said Dr Ngosa had co-operated fully with the authorities and his legal team in recent weeks but was now in hiding and she was unable to contact him. "The one thing that has become very clear when we met with him last Wednesday... was that the doctor was terrified that his identity would in some way or

another be disclosed at this hearing."

Because of press reports naming him, that nightmare has happened. "Witch hunt would not be too high a term to describe what has happened this weekend and at the end of it is a sick doctor."

Rosalind Foster, for the GMC, said: "The anxiety... is that this doctor may have practised elsewhere. We simply don't know the situation. As late as the middle of last week another hospital [Rugby Hospital] became apparent. The time has now come for this inquiry to proceed."

Hospital authorities have identified 1,752 women who underwent surgical procedures in which Dr Ngosa took part and may be at risk. By yesterday afternoon, 6,784 women had contacted help-lines. A spokesman for the North Thames Region of the NHS, which is co-ordinating efforts to contact the patients who may be at risk, said that many had taken HIV tests.

Dr Ngosa's last known address was in Ilford, Essex. The doctor, who is married with three children, informed medical authorities on February 18 that he was HIV positive.

The hearing continues.



Ngosa: "too terrified" to attend the hearing

Dickinson police to check DNA of suspect

By BEN MACINTYRE AND JOANNA BALE

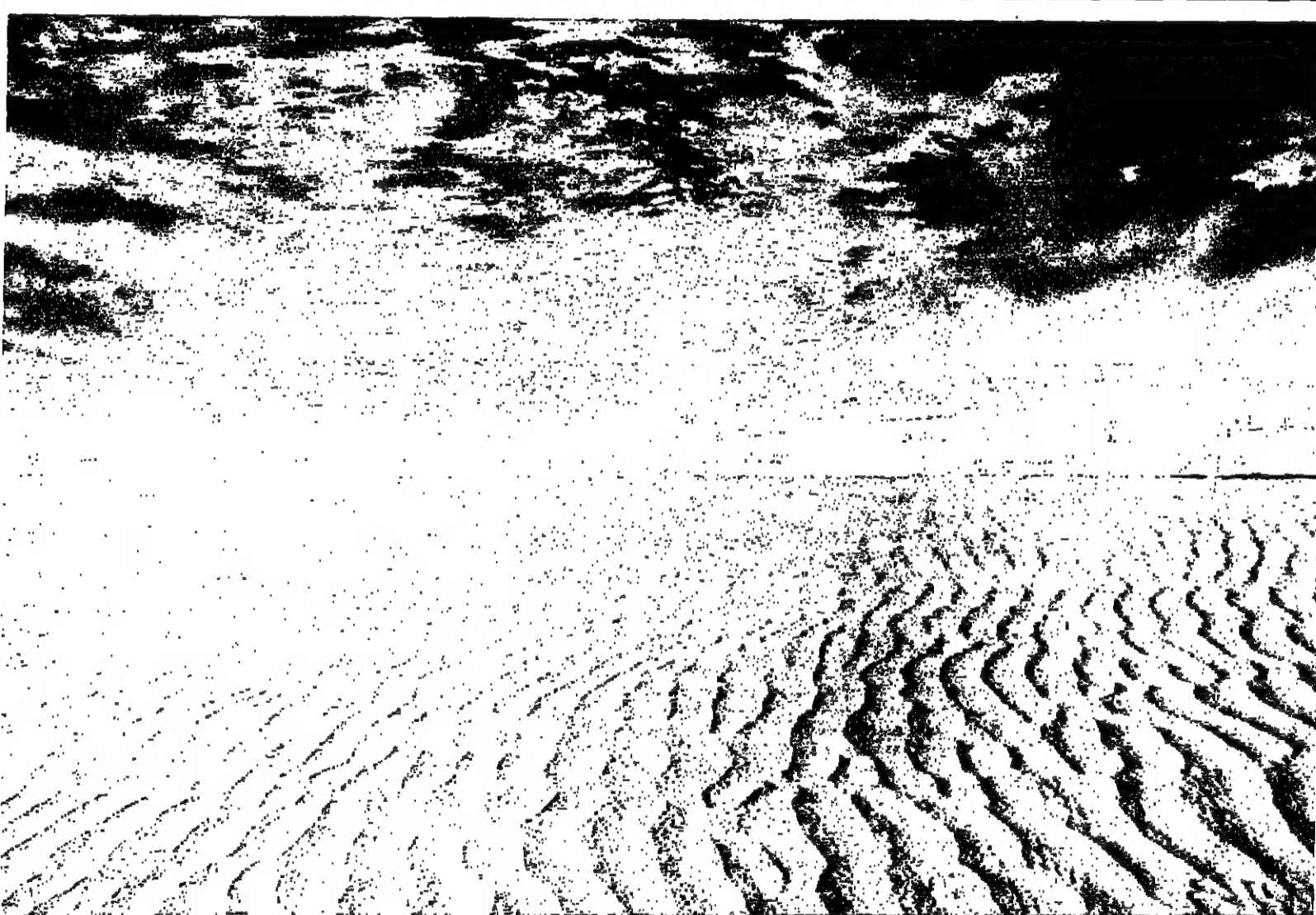
FRENCH police investigating the rape and murder of the British schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson are to compare DNA evidence with that of a man arrested after he attempted to abduct a girl aged ten.

Jean-Paul Barbaul, 35, a travelling salesman, was arrested at Carcassonne in southwest France on Friday. He has allegedly admitted to abducting eight children and raping three of them. He is also suspected of raping another ten-year-old girl at St. Meen-le-Grand in Brittany last November, 30 miles from the village of Pleine-Fougères where Caroline, 13, was killed last July.

Speaking publicly for the first time about the case, Caroline's mother Susan said from her home in Launceston, Cornwall last night: "It is nice to hear something positive. This is the first I have heard of this latest development. We are usually contacted by our French lawyer."

A police spokesman said: "We have every reason to believe that the man arrested at Carcassonne is indeed the rapist from St. Meen." Sources close to the Dickinson investigation said that an application for Barbaul's DNA test results had been sent to police at Carcassonne.

Caroline was found dead on July 18 in the room she was sharing with schoolfriends at a youth hostel while on a school trip to Brittany. Days later, police arrested a homeless man, but later released him after genetic testing established his innocence. The man later claimed a false confession had been extracted by police, and last month Caroline's father, John Dickinson, questioned the competence of the gendarmes investigating the Brittany case.



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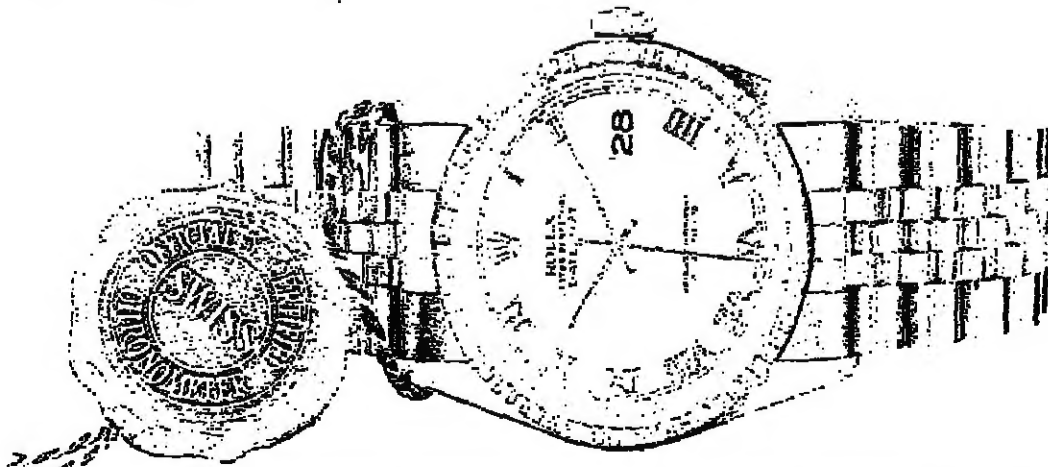
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France draws line in sand to stop Channel swimmers

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE French have found a new way to dampen British enthusiasm for Channel-hopping: their coastguards are banning anyone attempting to make the crossing by front crawl, breaststroke or butterfly from French beaches.

The decision, part of a wider plan to improve marine safety, has outraged members of the Dover-based Channel Swimming Association. This body invigilates all attempts on the 21-mile crossing, first achieved by Captain Matthew Webb in 1875 and followed by 502 other people.

Allison Streeter, who has completed a record 34 crossings, said yesterday: "I

think the French are being petty. This is all part of the rivalry between the nations. There has only been a handful of French Channel swimmers." The ban has been imposed by the French maritime authorities on "unorthodox" methods of crossing the Channel. However, they will still allow swimmers, who start from England, to land in France. For double crossings, they will allow swimmers a 10-minute rest before returning to England.

In 1990 Miss Streeter, from Dover, became the first woman to swim the Channel three-ways, with only two 10-minute rests between each

lap. She added yesterday: "I cannot see what is the difference between landing in France and starting in France."

Most Channel swimmers prefer to begin from England - last year only two of the 25 successful solo crossings started from France. This year, 40 people have booked summer crossings.

Norman Trusty, an official observer of attempts for the CSA, said: "We are surprised and disappointed. It seems that the French introduced new laws some time ago to tighten up marine safety but no one told us the implications for Channel swimmers."

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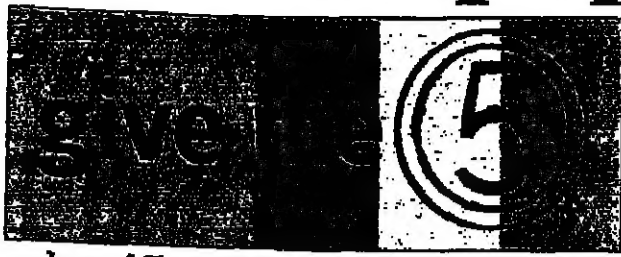
By ALEXANDRA FREAN
AND JOANNA BALZ

CHANNEL 5 is facing legal action and claims for compensation from viewers whose equipment has been broken by retuning engineers.

With less than three weeks to go before Channel 5's launch on March 30, viewers are demanding redress for the stress, damage and time wasted by unreliable returners and those who do break appointments.

There are also reports that Channel 5's retuning programme is behind schedule in London and Birmingham and concerns that three million homes would have to buy new aerials costing up to £200 to receive the station.

Channel 5, the first new terrestrial channel in 15 years, is obliged by law to return free any video recorders or other



Logo of Channel 5 which launches on March 30

equipment that could suffer interference from its signal. Viewers who fail to arrange to be retuned within three months of launch could face a further bill of £100.

Jenny Glenton, a freelance management and training consultant from London who specialises in customer care, lost three days' work waiting at home for Channel 5 engineers after a returner broke her television just before Christmas. At Ms Glenton's insistence, Channel 5 provided her

with a replacement set on December 23, but her own television was not repaired and returned until January 28.

Even then, a further returner visit was needed. During that time, Channel 5 repeatedly failed to turn up to arranged visits and did not respond to telephone calls and letters. After Ms Glenton complained directly to David Elstein, Channel 5's chief executive, the company offered her compensation, which she described as derisory. After

taking legal advice, she has given them until this morning to improve their offer.

Kishor Kale, a postgraduate student from Harrow, north-west London, is still waiting for Channel 5 engineers to return the video recorder they broke on February 20. He has not been supplied with replacement equipment.

Steven Dacey, a self-employed builder from Leicester, is planning legal action after his Sky satellite system was accidentally disabled during retuning and he was told that he would have to pay for the repairs. Channel 5 agreed to refund the £57 bill. He has yet to receive a cheque.

Mr Dacey, 41, says he telephoned Channel 5 more than 40 times to try to sort out the problem. "I have been treated appallingly," he said.

Channel 5 said that Mr Dacey's problem arose because he insisted on getting his own engineer to retune his set. A spokeswoman said: "We have lent Mr Dacey a satellite system which we intend to replace with a new system because his old system is too fragile. We will also refund the bill he paid."

The Independent Television Commission requires 90 per cent of homes in any one area to be retuned before the station can go on air in that locality. The ITC, which says it is confident that the retuning programme is running according to schedule, relies entirely on returning information supplied by Channel 5.

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Style gurus join black belts for snapper's farewell

By DAMIAN WHITWORTH

DIANA, Princess of Wales, and Baroness Thatcher rubbed shoulders with fashion gurus and judo champions at a memorial service for Terence Donovan, the society photographer, yesterday.

The disparate worlds inhabited by the Buddhist son of an East End lorry driver were recalled by a packed congregation at St George's in Hanover Square, central London. The Princess and Lady Thatcher sat in the front pews and fellow photographers the Earl of Snowdon, Lord Lichfield and David Bailey squeezed into the church among the men built like wardrobes from Donovan's Budokwai judo club.

After the service, which included Buddhist verses as well as the Lord's Prayer, the Princess was among those of the congregation who attended a lunch at the Ritz Hotel.

Donovan, who became famous as an iconographer of swinging 1960s London and went on to photograph some of the world's most famous people and make documentaries and films, committed suicide aged 60 last November after steriods he was taking for a skin complaint made him depressed.

Sir David Putnam said his "best friend" would be remembered for his skill but mainly for his personal qualities, in particular his loyalty and generosity. Donovan was a strong light

that never seemed to waver when around him so much was drab and grey. Sir David recalled eating breakfast with him one day: "He looked at me and said, 'Putters! Have you ever watched yourself eat? You dissect your food like a bleedin' surgeon doing his tenth appendix of the day.' After that whenever I ate with him I stuck to porridge and soup. But whenever we were at a public dinner I would hear this stage whisper, 'Look at him — the way he holds his knife and fork.'"

Bailey, a friend and rival photographer, said: "Where Terry is now I'm sure he's having a breakfast meeting with the Governor. God will certainly have no trouble getting some advice."

Donovan's son Daniel said: "Everything he did in life was stylish. What man could hope for a better father?"



Donovan: loyal and generous



The Princess chats to Donovan's widow, Diana

ESSENTIAL PROGRAMMING NOTES

□ I won't watch Channel 5. Is retuning necessary?

Yes. If you have a video recorder, it will need to be retuned to stop interference with the playback. The Channel 5 frequency in some areas is very close to the frequency to which many videos are tuned.

□ How do I get retuned?

You can arrange it by ringing the freephone numbers 0500 567 328, for London, or 0500 567 327 outside London.

□ Can I do it myself?

In theory, yes, but it is not advisable. You need to locate

the modulator at the back of your video, adjust the frequency, then wait for a Channel 5 test transmission to check you have retuned correctly. If you damage your equipment, Channel 5 will not be liable.

□ Can I employ my own technician and send the bill to Channel 5?

Only in exceptional circumstances, and Channel 5 must agree in advance.

□ Will Channel 5 also cause interference with satellite or cable TV?

Satellite decoder boxes and

some cable decoder boxes will require retuning.

□ What happens if I have a rented television and video?

Granada and Thorn send their own returners. Otherwise, Channel 5 will return.

□ How would I complain if the returner messed up my equipment or failed to arrive?

You can ring the Channel 5 help desk on 0500 355555. If you are still dissatisfied with the way you have been dealt with, you can then appeal to Stuart Samson, the Channel 5 ombudsman.

Virgin Rail launch marred by delay

By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

VIRGIN's glitzy takeover of Britain's most unreliable InterCity railway was tarnished yesterday by a two-hour delay to the first West Coast Main Line service under its ownership.

Passengers on the 4.47am service from Holyhead to Euston — the first Virgin train after the handover yesterday of the franchise from British Rail — arrived in London 142 minutes late. As Virgin staff prepared a champagne reception at Euston, the train was forced to detour along branch lines in the Midlands after the main route south was blocked by a broken locomotive at Lichfield.

The knock-on effect of the delay caused havoc on the route throughout the morning, with hundreds of passengers arriving at their destinations an hour or more behind schedule.

A spokesman for Virgin West Coast said: "We didn't

have a very good day. Obviously we are disappointed but mechanical faults can happen on any day and they will inevitably cause delays. It's just sod's law that it happened today."

Yesterday Richard Branson launched a £17.50 return rail fare between London and Manchester to attack the lucrative air market. Virgin hopes to take up to a third of the 1.6 million passengers on the air route operated by British Airways. A BA spokesman said it was "confident that our product will stand up to the competition."

□ The Docklands Light Railway, built in the late 1980s to serve the growing office developments of east London, has been privatised through a management and employee buyout. The network, which has an annual revenue of £11 million, is to be let on a seven-year franchise to Docklands Railway Management.

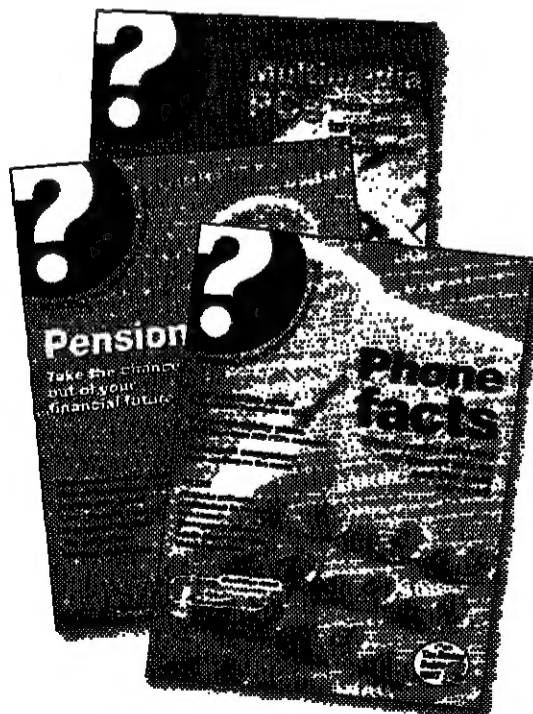
Cancelled trains to cost £600

SOUTH WEST TRAINS is to be fined £600 for every peak-hour service it has cancelled after it fired too many drivers. John Watts, the Rail Minister, confirmed yesterday (Jonathan Pryn writes).

Speaking in the Commons, Mr Watts insisted that rail privatisation was working, despite what he conceded was the company's "inept" performance. "The penalties for poor performance are as set out in the franchise agreement. They will be imposed when the performance figures for an accounting period are determined," he said.

The company has cancelled 39 services a day — one peak service and 38 off-peak — until at least mid-April while its remaining drivers are retrained. The off-peak cancellations incur charges of about £100 each. The total fine to be imposed by John O'Brien, the rail franchise director, is likely to reach hundreds of thousands of pounds.

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Education chiefs reject censure by school inspectors

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of government experts is to be appointed to advise the first local education authority found to be failing its schools. Gillian Shephard announced yesterday. The Education and Employment Secretary urged the borough of Calderdale in west Yorkshire to accept inspectors' "blatant" view that it was doing little to help its schools to improve.

However, Calderdale rejected the inspectors' conclusion and said it was taking advice before accepting the team of government experts. It volunteered for the inspection at Mrs Shephard's request; she cannot impose the team.

She was immediately accused by Labour of using the authority as an excuse to promote tougher inspection measures expected in the Conservatives' election manifesto. Ministers want the power to order "hit squads" of experts to take over failing councils, but currently can only offer advice to authorities.

Oldest, the school inspectorate, reported a "surprising level of hostility and suspicion" among head teachers towards members of Calderdale's education committee. Local politicians were said to be hampering officials' work by interfering and operating an unwieldy system of 14 sub-committees. Standards in the six secondary schools were "in general not rising". Prominent among those schools is The Ridings in Halifax, the comprehensive which closed temporarily last autumn after teachers demanded the expulsion of 61 pupils.

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Mrs Shephard said the findings justified her decision to press Calderdale to accept an inspection. "It should not have been left to the Government to intervene in The Ridings school by sending in inspectors. Calderdale should have taken action long before the school reached the state in which the inspectors found it," she said.

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said Calderdale should be given more time to put its house in order. "The fact is that Calderdale volunteered for an inspection. They worked with Ofsted on a report which was inevitably going to reveal weaknesses. They have rightly begun to address those criticisms."

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, defended the report and its timing as "totally fair and non-political". Calderdale's education authority and its director of education have not been put at any disadvantage.



Daniel Moore, deputy head boy, and Malaiba Jones, head girl, in the Grange School playground yesterday

Grange pupils have a hill to climb

By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

AN INNER London primary school housed in an ageing Victorian building was named yesterday as the worst in the country, but won the support of parents. Not one child at Grange school, Southwark, succeeded in mathematics tests for 11-year-olds last summer, and only 8 per cent made the grade in English and science.

Sixty-six per cent of the children receive free school meals — an indicator of the low income of parents — and English is not the first language of nearly 50 per cent.

David McElroy, appointed head teacher 18 months ago to rescue the school, said: "This

is severe social and economic disadvantage, by any standards. But this school will not use these statistics as any excuse for under-achievement for our children."

The league table will not let him. Nearby Gloucester primary shares a similar social profile, yet 66 per cent of its 11-year-olds achieved the target levels in mathematics and science and 80 per cent in English.

Grange Primary has recently been given a facelift by Southwark council, and there is no sign of rowdiness among the 221 pupils. Parents collecting their children yesterday were full of praise for Mr

McElroy's efforts to reverse the cycle of failure by introducing homework, prefects and targets for improvement.

Danny Tipton, whose ten-year-old son attends the school, said: "It's a shame Mr McElroy is going to get slagged off for something that isn't his fault. There has been a great improvement since those tables were done."

Mr McElroy believes the roots of Grange's poor results lay in low literacy standards, which meant children could not keep up in other subjects. He has introduced a structured reading scheme, as well as various ideas to raise the children's self-esteem, such as

appointing prefects and a head boy and girl, and linking up for sport coaching sessions with Millwall Football Club and Surrey Cricket Club.

Gordon Mott, director of education in Southwark, has promised extra help for children sent to local secondary schools who are struggling with the basics. "Schools like Gloucester primary demonstrate it can be done with a committed staff and head teacher and a supportive governing body," he said.

"League tables are clearly a blunt instrument which do not discriminate between Southwark and Surrey. Everyone looks at the top and bottom but you can argue this encourages complacency for the majority in the middle."

League tables: see supplement

NEWS IN BRIEF

Farmer who shot police is cleared

A farmer who shot at a police car and then drove after it, thinking the officers were thieves, was cleared of firearms offences at Maidstone Crown Court. The police had been called to find raiders stealing barn roof-tiles at Aldington, Kent. Martin Boulden, 40, said he loaded his shotgun out of fear, but it went off as he closed it, peppering the car with shot. As the police reversed away, he followed until he saw their crest. No one was hurt. The real thieves escaped.

999 drink charge

Bernard Edwards, 51, an ambulance driver, pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol on a late-night emergency call on January 24. Denbigh magistrates, in North Wales, adjourned the case.

Boy hanged

An eight-year-old boy was found hanged by a skipping rope in a bedroom at his home in Oldham, Greater Manchester. Sayed Shah is believed to have died after a game went wrong.

Fan pleads guilty

Darren Williams, 29, a petty officer who grabbed the referee at a Bury v Bournemouth match last month, has pleaded guilty to encroaching the pitch and assault. Bury magistrates adjourned the case.

New leader

Jonathan Baume, 43, has been elected general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, replacing Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, who has accepted a life peerage.

Bridge king dies

Alfred Sheinwald, the American expert on bridge, has died aged 85. Mr Sheinwald, who was born in London, was known as the King of Bridge and wrote 13 bestselling books on the game.

Unwise move

A barn owl blacked out 940 homes in Wensley, Derbyshire, after it landed on an 11,000-volt cable and knocked out a transformer with its large wingspan. It is believed to have caused a short circuit.

Widow fights to save school where John Smith's father taught

By SHIRLEY ENGLISH



Baroness Smith pledge

A SCHOOL where the late John Smith's father used to teach has won the backing of the former Labour leader's widow in its fight against closure.

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill spoke to parents yesterday after hearing of the school's plight. She has promised to write to Argyll and Bute Council urging it to reconsider plans to close Portnahaven Primary on Islay, in the Hebrides, which has

just 11 pupils. Her late father-in-law, Archibald Smith, was schoolmaster there in the late 1930s and villagers recall his son John as a little boy.

The council claims that it will save £42,000 by shutting the 119-year-old, one-classroom school and transferring the pupils to Port Charlotte Primary School eight miles away.

Parents were meeting education officials last night to discuss the plans, which will add an hour's journey time along a single-track road to their children's school-day.

Several other schools also face closure because of education budget cuts. Parents say they will refuse to send their children to Port Charlotte if Portnahaven closes in June.

Isabel Robertson, of the parents' action group, whose daughter Heledd, five, attends Portnahaven, said: "This school serves two neighbouring communities of about 120 people and if it closes, it will destroy the place. It is a wonderful little school. It has all mod cons, such as video conferencing, and the children

get individual attention. My daughter is only five but she can already read fluently."

Archibald Smith taught at Portnahaven from 1936 until 1940, when the Smiths moved to the mainland. The school had two classrooms and up to 70 pupils.

Mr Smith cut a distinctive figure in the community. He was rarely seen without his trilly and walking stick.

One of his former pupils, Neil MacNeill, 67, who still lives in

Portnahaven, remembers him as being very strict. Mr MacNeill said: "If we met him out of school, we had to salute him and say, 'Good-day Sir'. He only lost his temper now and then because we were all frightened of him so we kept quiet. I never saw him use the cane — his voice was enough to put us in our place. It didn't do us any harm."

"I can still remember John Smith playing in the yard. I was very sad to hear that he died. He would have been a great Prime Minister."



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FOR the first time in 10 years, police in some areas are able to select the best work. (Dariusz Wozniak, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said: "We have been able to select the best work for the first time in 10 years.")

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Husband stole £400,000 from gallery and £29,000 from church fund to win back wife

Bursar gets five years for theft from Royal Academy

BY TIM JONES

A FORMER bursar at the Royal Academy of Art, who stole almost £400,000 from the institution to win back the affection of his wife after he had been unfaithful, was jailed for five years yesterday.

Trevor Clark, 44, also stole more than £29,000 from the restoration fund of his village church and pocketed Sunday service collections.

Southwark Crown Court was told that the money he took from his employers and trusting parishioners went to support a lifestyle his £30,000 salary could not possibly sustain. He made extensive improvements to his five bedroom home, sent his four children to private schools at an annual cost of £21,000, bought horses for them and drove several cars. While he was defrauding the academy, which was itself facing one cash crisis after another,

Clark, of Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire, told colleagues he had won the pools or that his wife had money.

Sentencing him, Judge Butler, QC, said it was the worst case of its kind he had come across. "You were in gross breach of the trust the Royal Academy had placed in you as one of its most senior employees. The offences which took place over a number of years were motivated simply by greed and a desire to live beyond your means."

He told Clark the theft from the village church of St Andrew and St Mary, while he was acting as treasurer, was "particularly despicable and disreputable".

Roger Smart, for the prosecution, said Clark's crimes began after his wife, Elaine, discovered he was having an affair with a colleague who worked with him at the Royal



Elaine Clark: husband's affair led to breakdown

Academy. Mrs Clark had a nervous breakdown and attempted to commit suicide.

Mr Smart said: "Clark said he was living on the edge, with his former lover still working in the same office, and he began stealing in a bid to try to buy back his wife's love."

His dishonesty came to light when a junior colleague ques-

tioned one of the cheques he had signed. Confronted by superiors, Clark told them that because of financial pressures, he had taken £45,000 from the Summer Exhibition account.

Believing that was the extent of his dishonesty, and fearing adverse publicity could damage the academy's reputation and affect donations, officials allowed Clark to convert the money into an interest-bearing loan. But he soon broke undertakings about future behaviour and was ordered to resign. Police investigations then uncovered the full extent of his fraud.

Soon afterwards, the Rev Brian Gwinn confronted Clark about irregularities in the church restoration fund.

Jeremy Donne, for Clark, said: "He is at pretty much of a loss to understand how it all started in the first place. He undoubtedly came to live in something akin to a fantasy world."



Trevor Clark arriving at court yesterday. He told colleagues he had won the pools

Doctor's wife 'lied about jewel robbery'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DOCTOR'S wife defrauded an insurance company of £50,000 by inventing a violent robbery, a court was told. Suzanne Richards, who was four months' pregnant, pretended that a gang had tied her up.

Mrs Richards told police in May 1992 that the robbers got away with more than £50,000 worth of jewels and other valuables after forcing her to open a safe. However, three years later she sold an £18,000 brooch alleged to have been part of the haul, Elwen Evans, for the prosecution, told Swansea Crown Court. Police then recovered a silver cutlery set and a NEC video recorder also claimed to have been stolen.

Mrs Richards, 29, of Newdigate, Surrey, who was working as a nurse in the practice in Ammanford, South Wales, where her husband was a trainee GP, denies obtaining £50,000 from Guardian Royal Exchange by deception. The case continues.

Hostage's family 'betrayed' by abductor's release

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

THE family of a British man abducted in Cambodia a year ago expressed dismay yesterday that the Khmer Rouge guerrilla jailed for his kidnapping had been released.

The release came to light when Cambodian police went to interview Cheap Vichit, who was jailed for five years last July for organising the kidnap of Christopher Howes, 37, a charity worker who is still missing. "When they got to the prison they found he had been released in January," Mr Howes's father Roy said. The family has received no firm information about their son, a former soldier, since he was seized by Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

"All we have had are lies, rumours and counter-rumours for 12 months," Mr Howes said. "We had expected that Cheap Vichit would serve his full term of imprisonment and certainly not be released while the fate and whereabouts of my son remain unknown."

Mr Howes said he "shook with rage" when told of the release. "I have written to both Prime Ministers of Cambodia expressing the sense of anger, outrage and betrayal felt by the family and demanding the immediate re-arrest of this man who, if any harm has befallen the hostages, will bear a direct responsibility."

Mr Howes, 68, of Bristol, added: "The question is

whether the release is the result of a conspiracy of some one in authority in Cambodia or gross maladministration on the part of the Cambodian Government."

Cheap is understood to have been released under an amnesty given to some members of the Khmer Rouge.

The Foreign Office said yesterday: "We have made sure the Cambodians know our concerns about the release of Cheap Vichit. We have demanded an official explanation. We are protesting in the strongest possible way."

The Foreign Office has sought the help of other countries in South-East Asia in tracing Christopher Howes. "We take every opportunity to raise this case at every level possible," a spokesman said. The British Government still had no information about his whereabouts. "There has been no proof of life since his kidnap, but we must work on the assumption he is still alive," the spokesman said.

Mr Howes and Houn Hourth, his Cambodian interpreter, were seized when their 30-strong team of mine-clearers were surrounded by heavily armed guerrillas. They had been working in Siam Reap province for two weeks. Last November, hopes rose when it was wrongly reported that Mr Howes had escaped with a breakaway Khmer Rouge group.



Roy Howes and his kidnapped son Christopher

Police hope whistles will call the tune

FOR the first time in 14 years, police in some seaside towns are able to whistle while they work (Dareh Gregorian writes). Community police in Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs in Kent have been issued with £250 whistles to clear a path through crowds while chasing criminals.

Whistles were replaced by radios 14 years ago. They have been reintroduced as part of the "zero tolerance"

regime introduced in Margate. "The idea is to help to raise the profile of police officers," Mark Pugash, a police spokesman, said. "It may well be that people decide that they can help if they hear the whistle. They are more likely to respond to a whistle than a shout. The reaction has been excellent."

In other areas, such as London, whistles are still a standard part of police equipment.

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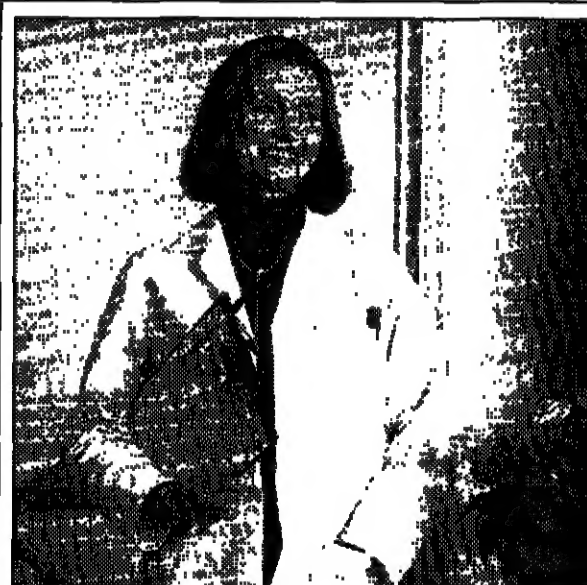
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Incentive scheme will encourage people to prepare for old age while protecting their property assets

Too much faith placed in discredited industry

By ANNE ASHWORTH, PERSONAL FINANCE EDITOR

IN LESS than a week, the Government has tried to resolve two of the most pressing problems of a greying population: the inadequacy of our pension provision and the long-term care conundrum.

Last Wednesday, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, proposed the radical reform of the state pension scheme in a set of measures intended to cajole and compel the working population to put money aside for their old age. Now Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has announced steps to encourage the retired to insure against nursing home fees.

Again the Government has looked overseas for ideas. The state pension proposals were inspired by the Chilean example. The long-term care plans owe much to a scheme pioneered in California, a state whose youthful image belies the rising age of its residents, more Elizabeth Taylor than Pamela Anderson.

The long-term care proposals should again alert the nation of the need to amass considerable sums for its retirement. However, the scheme is likely to benefit too few households and, like the flawed plans to privatise the state pension, it relies too much on the life insurance companies, placing too much trust in an industry that has shown itself wanting.

The complex workings of

ANALYSIS

the Dorrell partnership arrangement means that the principal beneficiaries will be those with assets of less than £60,000. This is less than the average semi-detached house price nationwide and almost half the average price in Greater London. This means that many will still need to sacrifice the homes that they had wished to pass onto their heirs.

It is strange that a government committed to seeing wealth trickle down through the generations could not have chosen to protect £2 worth of assets for every £1 of insurance cover purchased, allowing an extra one million people to benefit.

The life insurance companies have shown themselves to have boundless enthusiasm for extra sales but intermittent regard for their customers' interests. They are under a cloud for their failure to compensate the 500,000 victims of the personal pension scandal, which may be one reason why they were uncharacteristically muted yesterday in their welcome for the Government's long-term care proposals.

Until those employees who were improperly advised to leave company pension schemes receive their redress, it is inappropriate that the life

insurers should take on extra responsibility for the welfare of the elderly.

The public's suspicions about the life insurance companies is shown in the low demand for the long-term policies now on the market. It is significant that, despite the publicity surrounding the 40,000 elderly people who each year are forced to sell their homes to meet their nursing care bills, there are only 20,000 long-term care policyholders.

The rest have glanced at the conditions of the policies and doubted whether they would ever see a payout in return for their £10,000 premium for a man aged 65, rising to £17,000 for a woman. To make a claim, the insured must typically show that he or she is incapable of three "activities of daily living", such as dressing, feeding and washing oneself. Anyone who has had a valid insurance claim rejected can become old and enfeebled and still unable to rely on an expensively purchased policy.

Unless the insurers can devise new partnership policies that are both flexible and sensibly priced, it seems likely that thousands will take a retirement day gamble on remaining hale and hearty and being among the 80 per cent of the elderly who do not need to finish their days in residential care.



Stephen Dorrell announcing his community care proposals at a news conference yesterday

Dorrell details his nursing fee deal for elderly homeowners

By JILL SHERMAN AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

STEPHEN DORRELL presented a £200 million package of measures yesterday to help thousands of elderly people to keep their homes if they have to go into residential care.

Under the scheme, which will be a centrepiece of the Tory manifesto, people will be given an incentive to insure themselves against the expense of long-term care, which can be as much as £20,000 a year. The aim is to avoid the present problem, where pensioners are often forced to sell their homes to pay for nursing care. A Tory government would offer elderly people protection of £150 worth of capital assets for every £1 of insurance cover they purchase.

Insurance lump-sum premiums would be costly, with elderly men paying £8,000 to protect assets worth £100,000, and women having to pay £13,000 for the same level of assets, according to figures provided by the Department of Health (based on a 70-year-old with an income of £3,200 a year).

However, these figures are based on much lower premiums than those quoted by private insurers yesterday.

Mr Dorrell made clear that people could opt to pay premiums against the value of their house, so they would not need any additional assets to fund the insurance policy.

Nevertheless Labour said that the scheme would benefit only the few who could afford to pay the premiums.

Under the present system, anyone who applies to a local council for help with the cost of residential care is means-tested. Those with savings and other assets worth more than £10,000 are required to contribute towards the costs of their care, while those with assets over £16,000 have to pay the full bill.

Yesterday insurers welcomed the Government's proposals but expressed concern

that out of the 8 million pensioners who might need to make their own provision fewer than one million would be helped by the new scheme.

The life industry has lobbied intensively for more than two years for the Government to make a decision on long-term care for the nation's 12 million pensioners, one in five of whom will eventually need care. The number of people entering nursing home care has doubled to 40,000 in the past 15 years.

At present, four million pensioners have capital and savings, including the value of their home, of £16,000 or below. If they have fewer than £10,000 worth of assets they will pay nothing towards their care, and if they have between £10,000 and £16,000 they will qualify for state help but will have to make some contribution. This group will not be affected by the draft Bill.

Of the 8 million remaining, who have more than £16,000 of assets and may need to pay for their own care, 2 million are wealthy enough to make their own provision or buy plans already on offer. An estimated 20,000 people of these have already long-term care insurance. Insurers predict this figure will increase rapidly as the wealthy realise that the new proposals offer little help to them. The insurers

argue, however, that Mr Dorrell's proposals will help only a limited number of the 6 million remaining pensioners, mainly those whose homes and assets are worth between £40,000 and £70,000.

This is because if a pensioner has a home worth £60,000, he will need to take out insurance to cover £44,000 of assets, allowing for the Government's disregard of £16,000. Such a premium would cost an estimated £8,929 for a single pensioner or £55 a month for cover for three years for a male non-smoker aged 65, according to the healthcare company Bupa.

Someone with a £30,000 home would need to protect £74,000 worth of assets and would need to pay a single premium of £15,085. This is prohibitively high for many pensioners who own a house but have little additional income other than their pension. PPP lifetime care claims twice as many people, i.e. two million, would have benefited had the Government chosen to disregard £2 of assets for every £1 of insurance cover purchased, rather than £150.

Bupa said that Mr Dorrell's proposals would be of "significant benefit to those with assets of £60,000 or less, which is around 750,000 people". Peter Jacobs, the chief executive, added: "The announcement also introduces an element of regional discrimination, because the average home in London and the South East is worth between £90,000 and £100,000 compared to the national average of £60,000."

Even under the new proposals, making provision for old age will not be cheap. A week's stay at a private nursing home costs £350 to £500. For a single pensioner of £10,000, Bupa offers income of either £1,360 a month for three years from the start of residential care or £1,175 a month for the rest of the policyholder's life. It plans to offer similar terms if the proposals become law.



Jacobs highlighted regional discrimination

Labour will win but has reason to be wary

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE political mood has changed. It is no longer a question of whether Labour wins, but by how much. Pollsters and pundits have revised their forecasts of a possible Labour majority towards 100. This shift was triggered by the Tory rout at Wirral South, reinforced by two polls showing an increased Labour lead, and crystallised by Robin Cook's talk about a Labour "landslide".

Labour leaders are jittery, not quite believing that the party at last looks like winning. Tony Blair is wary of any hint of premature triumphalism, not least because it might alienate wavering voters. Hence he has sought to be reassuring. "We take nothing for granted," he said in a speech yesterday, listing various changes to Labour's constitution, policies and links with the unions. He sought to contrast "new" Labour with its past: "People have to know that we will run from the centre and that we will govern from the centre." This argument is echoed in Peter Mandelson's article on page 20 this morning. The tone is as revealing as the message.

The Tories are showing signs of fracturing. Sir George Giddens's weekend outburst gave the Referendum Party the oxygen of publicity, and John Major some unwelcome headlines, for 36 hours, but is otherwise of marginal significance. Sir George may get a few thousand votes in Reigate, but not enough to cost the Tories the seat. More

interesting are the signs that some Tory MPs, and candidates, are trying to distance themselves from the national leadership. I doubt whether those sceptics planning to include in their constituency election addresses a pledge to oppose entry into a single currency on principle will sway many voters. Such pledges are more about post-election Tory politics.

However, there are moves among Tory MPs in the West Midlands for a joint statement on the single currency and immigration. Nicholas Budgen, Enoch Powell's constituency and spiritual heir in Wolverhampton South West, last week twice raised proposed Labour changes in immigration rules. He argues that any significant relaxation, particularly in the primary purpose rule, might adversely affect the improvement in race relations in the region, an interpretation vigorously rejected by Labour. He was rebuffed in the Commons by both Mr Major and Tony Newton, the Leader of the House. Mr Budgen has already talked to fellow sceptics about a joint approach and will now take wider soundings. There are, of course, several marginal seats in the region.

By contrast, the Liberal Democrats have been largely ignored by the media as their poll rating has stagnated. The

question has been posed: what role is there for the Liberal Democrats in the world of new Labour? But the two parties do have distinct appeals, both geographically and ideologically, even if there is more overlap than Liberal Democrat purists might claim. Talk of merger or coalition is for the indefinite future. Even a formal post-election agreement is unlikely barring the improbable combination of a hung Parliament and large Liberal Democrat gains. More likely is the type of co-operation on implementing constitutional reform envisaged by last week's report of a joint committee from the two parties.

The discussions leading up to the report underlined not only the scope but also the limits of co-operation. The Liberal Democrats are wary of the caution of Blairism, while Labour is irritated by what it sees as the self-righteousness of many Liberal Democrats and the political unreality of their promises on tax rises. However, some friction between the parties may even suit the Liberal Democrats and back up Paddy Ashdown's claims about being different. Further talk of a Labour landslide could rebound to benefit the Liberal Democrats, and even some Tories. No wonder Messrs Blair and Mandelson are so keen to warn against complacency.

PETER RIDDELL

Freeman plans red tape review

By VALERIE ELLIOTT, WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Government is examining ways of reforming the red tape and regulations that irritate the public and take up so much of their time.

Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, said yesterday that if the Tories remained in power they would commission opinion polls and market surveys to identify the problems that make life difficult for consumers and citizens. Among the possible areas for

reform are the registration of births, marriages and deaths; the taxation system; and the gaming and licensing laws.

A Government source said: "We have already done a lot by opening up Sunday shopping, allowing children in pubs, and changing opening times. But we are still living with laws which date back to World War One."

Mr Freeman, speaking at a deregulation conference in central London for local authority enforcement officers and businessmen, said that

the Government wanted to make deregulation more relevant to the citizen. Proposals aimed at achieving this would be included in the Tory manifesto.

IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons, defence questions; Prime Minister's questions; Finance Bill, remaining stages; backbench debate on Unheard School and Community College, in the Lords: Social Security Administration (Fraud) Bill, committee; Contract (Scotland) Bill, second reading; Commissioner for Local Administration in Scotland Bill, second reading; plus various Scottish orders and regulations.

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Pakistani court backs bride who defied father

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent, and Zahid Hussein in Karachi

THE year-long ordeal of a young Pakistani couple, who married in defiance of objections from the bride's parents, ended yesterday when Lahore High Court declared their marriage legal and valid. Islamic hardliners attacked the ruling as an assault on the traditional male-dominated family, the bedrock of Pakistani culture.

"Marriage without the consent of a wali [guardian] is not invalid," Judge Ehsan ul-Haq Chaudhry told the court. The three-member bench split two to one in the decision to uphold the marriage of Saima Waheed, 22, to Arshad Ahmad, a lecturer in English at a government college. The case could lead to an intensified legal struggle to assert secular laws over Islamic ones.

"It is the most wonderful day of my life," Mr Ahmad said as he left the court. "We have gone through a great ordeal. But now I can join hands with my wife once again. I am extremely happy." Ms Waheed will be allowed to leave a women's shelter

where she has been kept under court orders for 11 months. She chose to stay in the hostel rather than return to live with her parents after her husband was arrested under Islamic law for entering into unlawful marriage.

Her father, Hafiz Abdul Waheed, a rich businessman, who brought the case against her under Islamic law, left the court quietly after the ruling with fellow members of the

the women of Pakistan," she said. "Ultimately the courts will have to decide on the interpretation of Islam. I believe they will have to support an interpretation which supports fundamental rights."

Mrs Jehangir denied that the ruling threatened the traditional family. "You have to move with the times, you cannot close your eyes to the fact that romances do happen."

'You cannot close your eyes to the fact that romances do happen. Pakistan is no exception to that'

militant Sunni Ahle Hadith organisation. "There's no use in talking now," he said.

Asma Jehangir, chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and also Ms Waheed's lawyer, declared the ruling a victory for Pakistani women who suffered, she said, under a repressive social system. "It is a historic decision for

Pakistan is no exception to that."

The case could go to the Supreme Court on appeal. The ruling does not finally settle the issue of a woman's right to choose her husband because of conflicting interpretations of Islamic marriage laws by different judges.

Another Lahore High Court bench ruled last September

that the marriages of two young women who chose husbands against the wishes of their parents were illegal. The men were ordered to stand trial for adultery, a crime which can carry a penalty of stoning or flogging.

The latest judgment is likely to evoke a strong reaction from conservative Islamists, who believe that allowing a woman to choose her own spouse is an anti-religious ploy by liberal and secular Muslims. While the case was being heard, conservative elements thronged the court to put pressure on the judges and counsel for the couple.

Earlier this year an armed group ransacked Mrs Jehangir's house in Lahore and threatened reprisals if she did not drop the case. Most Pakistani marriages are arranged, and few young women would consider marrying a man not approved by their parents.

Women's activists said that the timing of Ms Waheed's departure from the hostel would depend on security considerations.



Saima Waheed, right, and her lawyer, Asma Jehangir, after yesterday's decision

Worry at growing number of Chinese

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

CHINA'S senior leaders met at the weekend to discuss the country's population which could reach 1.3 billion within three years.

Although the growth rate fell slightly last year, China's population still rose by 12.68 million, a figure equivalent to three times the population of Norway or the entire population of Pennsylvania. 21 million Chinese babies were born last year, as many as the whole population of Romania.

President Jiang Zemin, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and four other members of the politburo standing committee which rules China, showed the depth of their concern by assembling a population forum.

President Jiang referred to the "heavy task" of attempting to contain China's population at 1.3 billion by the end of the century. He insisted that "existing policies", the core of the draconian one-child-per-family programme since 1949, be adhered to.

Civilians flee Kisangani as rebels advance

From Sam Kiley in Kinshasa

THOUSANDS of civilians have fled Kisangani, Zaire's third largest city, in fear of chaos and looting by government troops as rebels tightened their noose on the strategic city and demanded face-to-face ceasefire negotiations with the Government.

Missionaries and aid workers in Kisangani said that thousands of people had fled the town on makeshift barges and in canoes. Military officers sent their families out of the city by plane as the rebels claimed to be closing in.

Both the army and the rebel alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation, Congo-Zaire agree that the front line is now in an arc between 50 and 70 miles from Kisangani to the north, east and south. But a military spokesman in Kinshasa said this did not mean the city was surrounded.

Whatever the realities of the military terminology, civilians appeared to be in no doubt that Kisangani would soon become the centre of the rebel storm, which has swept across the country as town after town has fallen to the guerrillas without significant resistance.

The imminent collapse of Kisangani to rebels who have been supported by English-speaking soldiers from Rwanda and Uganda, has sparked a wave of propaganda in France. Yesterday the daily *Liberation* alleged that Rwandan Hutus had been massacred by advancing Tutsis in a "second genocide" aimed at annihilating the Hutu tribe.

France sees the rebellion as a question of external aggression by Zaire's neighbours rather than an uprising against the rule of President Mobutu and has been anxious to portray the Rwandan Hutus, France's long-term

ents, as the victims of a genocide which has gone unreported.

This had led to rivalry between Paris and Washington over the direction of peace talks. The European Union has fallen in line with the French view and has insisted that Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, as a puppet of neighbouring powers, should not be invited to peace talks.

"The Americans recognise the realities on the ground. These are that, whoever supported Kabila when he started his uprising, he is now a national figure with a national following," said a West European ambassador in Kinshasa. "The French still see the problem as an international Anglophone conspiracy to take over Zaire," he added.

The *Liberation* article appeared to have been based on a report from unknown sources who claimed that large numbers of bodies had been dumped in mass graves in east Zaire after the Tutsi-led rebels advanced.

But after visiting Kisangani and Pwani, then close to the front line last week, Jan Pronk, the Dutch Co-operation Minister, who has traveled widely in the region, said: "I have been dismayed by the reports of massacres behind the rebel lines. I have heard no real evidence of it and the loose use of the term 'genocide' demeans the tragedy of others."

France is becoming increasingly unpopular on the streets of Kinshasa as Mr Kabila's popularity has increased.

"If the French want to come here and save Mobutu and his cronies, I am prepared to die fighting them," said one local businessman in a smart suit, to cheers from onlookers.

Arafat's deputy quits over pullout

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

THE Israeli-Palestinian peace process was plunged into crisis yesterday as the chief Palestinian negotiator, Mahmoud Abbas, handed in his resignation in protest at the unbending attitude of Benjamin Netanyahu's Government.

The deadlock arose after Israel's decision last week to hand back only 9 per cent more of the occupied West Bank instead of the 30 per cent expected by Palestinians in the first of three further military withdrawals due before the middle of next year.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, charged that the Israeli decision was "a trick and a conspiracy against the peace process". Mr Arafat added: "There is a real crisis, because there is a clear breach of what had been agreed upon."

Palestinian officials confirmed that Mr Arafat had received the resignation of Mr Abbas, his deputy, better



Abbas: angered by "unbending" Israel

known as Abu Mazen, but did not say whether it had been accepted. Other members of Mr Arafat's autonomy council have also threatened to quit.

Tensions rose last month when Israel decided to build a settlement suburb for 32,000 Jews at Har Homa in occupied Arab east Jerusalem.

Yesterday Mr Netanyahu assured right-wing members of his coalition that work at the site would begin next week, despite international protests.

The Israeli Prime Minister was unmoved by the Palestinian anger at the extent of the pullback, which Israel has declared will not take place at all unless the Palestinians agree to it.

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'Eyelid' writer dies after triumph

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

A PARALYSED French journalist, who wrote a 130-page book using only his left eyelid, has died four days after his work was published to massive acclaim.

Jean-Dominique Bauby, former editor of *Elle* magazine, suffered a massive stroke on December 8, 1995, which left him mute and able to move only one eye in a neurological condition known as "Locked-in Syndrome". His brain was unaffected, however, and over the ensuing months he gradually "dictated" *Le Scaphandre et le Papillon* (The Diving Suit and the Butterfly) by spelling out the book with winks, one letter at a time.

The book was published last Thursday by Robert Laffont and sold its entire initial print-run of 25,000 copies in one day.

At the weekend M. Bauby, 45, was moved from a hospital in Berck-sur-Mer in northern France to one in Paris, where he died on Sunday night. The cause of death was not immediately known. Friends said that the task of finishing his book may have kept M. Bauby alive. The work is due to be published in English later this year.

At the time of his death, M. Bauby planned to set up an association for sufferers of "Locked-in Syndrome", with a magazine which he planned to edit. In the autobiographical book, M. Bauby compared his condition to being trapped in an antique diving suit and explored his reactions to his illness with irony and no trace of self-pity.

His advice to his readers was both written, and delivered, with a wink: "Don't be consumed by your own restlessness. Immobility is also a source of pleasure."

Miners lay siege to Kohl's office in cutback protest

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THOUSANDS of angry German coalminers yesterday laid siege to Bonn, pelting politicians with eggs and bread, blocking access roads and a key stretch of autobahn, as well as occupying town halls in the industrial Ruhr district.

The protest was aimed at a radical government programme which seeks to slash 50,000 mining jobs and close ten pits over the next seven years. The cut in subsidies is intended to keep Germany on course for the public-sector and monetary union. But the protests also show how quickly civil disobedience — so obvious in the week-long protests against nuclear power in Lower Saxony — is moving from one part of the economy to another.

About 20,000 miners were on the march yesterday. In Bonn, 3,000 arrived in motor-cycle convoys, cars and vans to set up pickets outside the headquarters of the Christian Democrat and Free Democrat coalition parties. The workers in safety helmets and overalls blew whistles, sounded hooters and banged drums. In front of the paralysed chancellor's office, Helmut Kohl they bellowed: "Come out, Helmut, you coward!" Some formed a human chain across the main road through Bonn blocking most of their political business of the day.

Throughout Germany 18 pits have been at a standstill since Friday and more are

expected to follow this week. Some of the strongest action has not been authorised by the union leadership and this readiness to take wildcat action is also a sign of the growing industrial ferment.

In the Saarland, coalminers blocked the principal autobahn connection with Luxembourg; traffic jams trailed dozens of miles for much of the day. In at least two Ruhr communities the miners have been sitting in and blocking business in town halls.

The coal protest could lead to more than street theatre. The left-of-centre faction of the Christian Democratic Union is clearly uncomfortable with the pit closure plan and there are frictions between this fac-

tion and the subsidy cutters in the junior government partner, the Free Democrats. Much of the coalminers' venom yesterday was directed at the Free Democrats.

The opposition Social Democrats have used the coal plan as an excuse to break off talks with the Government about how to ease tax reforms through parliament. Herr Kohl needs the co-operation of the Social Democrats because they control the upper house of parliament. Wolfgang Clement, the Social Democrat Economics Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, yesterday urged the Government to cut subsidies across the board — including the heavily padded agriculture sector — and not concentrate merely on mining.

Social Democrats, who control the Ruhr, are presenting themselves as the party committed to saving jobs. At a time of record unemployment — 4.7 million last month — this is beginning to have an impact on the Social Democrats' standing in the opinion polls. Commentators also believe that it may prod the Social Democrats into an election campaign urging delay of EMU to focus more on job creation.

A delegation of coalminers is due to see the Chancellor today — before the new British Ambassador, Christopher Meyer, pays his inaugural visit to the German leader — and the Social Democrats say their co-operation will depend on the outcome of the talks.

Renault gears up for mass rally

Paris: Renault, the French carmaker, was preparing to face a huge protest today which unions hope will draw 10,000 people as controversy continues over the planned closure of a factory in Belgium. Workers from France, Belgium and Spain have been called on to descend on the company's headquarters to denounce the decision to close the plant at Vilvoorde near Brussels, with the loss of 3,100 jobs. Staff of the doomed assembly plant last night decided to tighten their occupation of the premises which began a week ago. (AFP)

German beef 'safe' after BSE cow's origin traced to Scotland

BY ROGER BOYES

GERMAN authorities yesterday identified their latest, most controversial case of BSE as the imported British cow, Scottish Queen, and blamed British livestock dealers for spreading the disease.

Bonn, determined to reassure anxious German consumers, has been trying over the past month to pin down the origin of the cow. The junior Agriculture Minister, Franz Josef Feiler, told reporters: "This case shows that there has not been a case

of BSE originating in Germany." There have only been five registered cases of so-called mad cow disease in Germany and, for four of them, it could clearly be shown that the animals had been imported from Britain. The fifth — now known to be Scottish Queen — was a Galloway which, according to documents, was born in Germany. That sent tremors through the already nervous German domestic market and led several importers of German beef to cancel their orders.

Bonn now claims that Germans

can eat steaks again without fear. With the help of information from the British Ministry of Agriculture, German investigators discovered that the suspect cow came from a BSE-free herd and was auctioned in Sussex. It was bought by a Sussex dealer and became part of a herd of 47 animals. The cow was sold again, sent to Hull and then Germany.

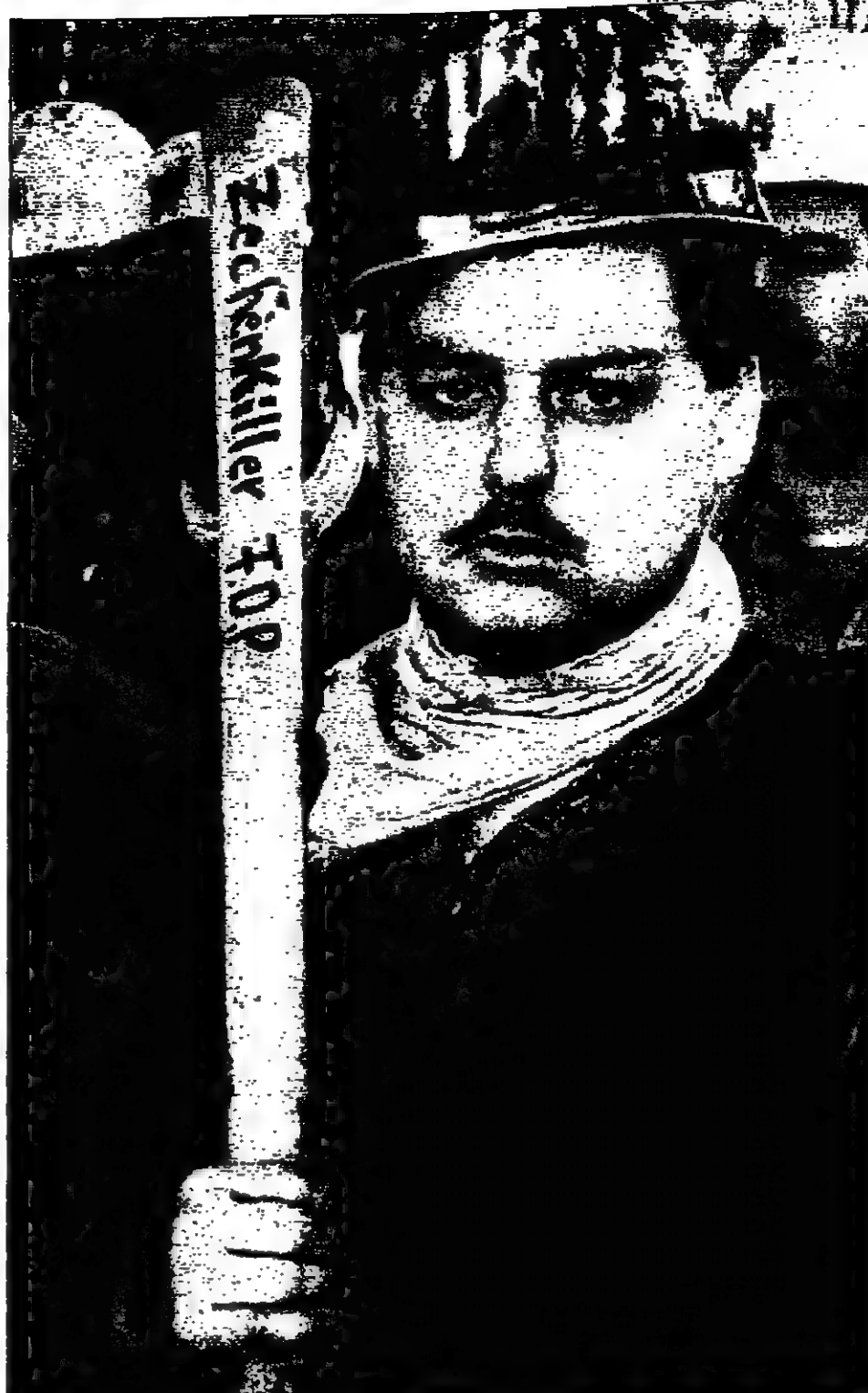
"We have deduced that the cow was fed with contaminated fodder," said the Agriculture Minister of Mecklenburg, Martin Brick. "Perhaps the point was to give it a shirder

hide, to make it more sellable." Herr Feiler said the case showed that "imported animals carry a risk because one doesn't know what they've been fed in transit".

Queenie, the daughter of Scottish Queen, has already been slaughtered and the slaughter programme of directly imported cattle from Britain and Switzerland is still under way. The offspring of these cattle, however, are governed by a slaughter ban and are being kept under observation. It now seems unlikely, in view of the diseased cow's Scottish and not

German origin, that Bonn will follow the recommendations of the Health Ministry and wipe out more than £20,000 worth of cattle, culling the first and second generations of imported British and Swiss cows.

Brussels: The European Commission is to press member states to tighten up their checks on mad cow disease (Charles Bremner writes). The move follows a damning report by EU inspectors, who found negligence and slipshod methods when visiting all EU states except Britain and Portugal.



A miner brandishes an axe-handle with the message "Coalmine killer FDP"

Rifkind urges US to back Nato plan

FROM BRONWEN MADDOCK
IN WASHINGTON

MALCOLM Rifkind yesterday warned members of the US Congress that failure to enlarge Nato would lead to instability in Europe.

The Foreign Secretary also said that the cost to America of plans to bring Central European countries into the North Atlantic security umbrella would be no more than \$200 million (£125 million) a year, out of a current annual defence budget of \$260 billion. For the current European members, it would cost no more than 0.5 per cent of their annual defence budgets.

Mr Rifkind put Nato enlargement at the top of his agenda for a one-day visit to Washington to meet Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, and William Cohen, the Defence Secretary. Britain is concerned that, while the Clinton Administration firmly backs the principle of Nato expansion, three distinct strands of opposition have recently emerged in Congress and among commentators.

One congressional accusation is that the US is going too far to accommodate the concerns of Russia. Another, articulated most prominently by George Kennan, former US ambassador to Moscow, is that Nato enlargement will inflame the nationalistic, anti-Western tendencies in Russia. The third is that, with the end of the Cold War, the US need not concern itself with European security.

The Clinton Administration needs to win congressional approval for enlargement as the plan requires a change to the Washington Treaty which established Nato.

Mr Rifkind argued that failure to press ahead with enlargement would jeopardise stability in Europe. In a speech to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, he said that "the countries of Central Europe would conclude that they remained in Russia's sphere of influence" and would make their own security arrangements. "Local and regional alliances would spring up, in a frightening facsimile of pre-Second World War Europe," he said.

The Madrid summit in July will announce the first candidates for membership. But Mr Rifkind said: "Countries which are not invited to join at Madrid are not going to have the door closed on them."

Moscow: Russian and Nato officials said yesterday that some progress had been made during talks in Moscow between Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, and Yevgeny Primakov, the Foreign Minister, over Moscow's objections to plans by the alliance to admit former Soviet satellite countries.

Surgeon 'killed gored bullfighter'

Madrid: Spanish bullfighting aficionados were in a state of emotional ferment yesterday after the disclosure that Manuel Rodriguez Sanchez, arguably the bullfighter of the century, would almost certainly have survived the goring that killed him 50 years ago had it not been for a blunder by the doctor who treated him

(Tunku Varadarajan writes). Rodriguez, known simply as Manolete, died on August 28, 1947, in Linares, aged only 30 and at the peak of his powers. Manolete's career ended when a bull called Islero, weighing more than 1,000 lb, gored him in the chest. Yet according to Fabian Garrido, the son of one of the local

doctors who attended to him, the matador's wounds, "although impressive, should not have proved mortal". He claims a surgeon insisted on injecting Manolete with plasma that had passed its expiry date. The bullfighter, "who needed only to be bandaged", suffered a fatal haemorrhage seconds after the injection.



Landzo: faces life term if he is found guilty

Muslims go on trial over war crimes

THE first Muslims to be accused of atrocities against Bosnian Serbs went on trial in The Hague yesterday in the first group war crimes trial since the hearings at Nuremberg and Tokyo after the Second World War (Ben Macintyre writes).

In the latest case before the UN international war crimes tribunal, three Muslims and one Croat are accused of a litany of brutality, including murder, rape and torture, against Bosnian Serbs at the Celebici camp in central Bosnia during 1992.

The authorities in both Pale and Belgrade have accused the tribunal of pro-Muslim bias, and the trial is being seen by Bosnian Serbs as an opportunity to show that other ethnic groups were also responsible for savage cruelty during the Bosnian conflict.

Muslims Zejnil Delalic, Hazim Delic and Esad Landzo, and Croat Zdravko Mucic, yesterday all pleaded not guilty. They face life imprisonment if convicted, and are the highest-ranking defendants to be tried so far.

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Schoolboys swap catapults for Kalashnikovs and rockets in Albania's home-grown armies

Berisha's offer of deal serves only to fuel rebel fury

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN TEPELENE, SOUTHERN ALBANIA

PRESIDENT BERISHA'S attempts to quell the armed insurrection in southern Albania appeared in ruins yesterday as rebels decisively rejected his offer for political concessions and attempts to create an interim government.

Within hours of a televised announcement on Saturday afternoon, in which the President said he would set up an interim national unity government pending elections and grant amnesty to rebels in return for the handing in of captured weapons, two new towns in the South, Berat and Permet, had fallen to local uprisings.

Rebel commanders throughout the region said the concessions did not go far enough, and reiterated their demand for Mr Berisha's immediate resignation. "We have one resolution — the

resignation of the President," said Dashamir Kamberi, leader of the insurgents in Tepelene. "All of the captured arms are under our control and we shall not contemplate giving them back until Berisha and his henchmen go."

If anything, Mr Berisha's apparent climbdown only made matters worse. Rebels in Gjirokastra seemed to be enraged by his offer, and bullets from their indignant salvos rained down the cobbled streets in new abundance. Crowds burnt down the police stations in Permet and Berat, seizing even more weapons from an armoury in the latter town. Five people were killed in Permet in an attack by government soldiers.

Mr Berisha's problems in dealing with the rebels are manifold, and they are not

helped by the incompetence of his Government. In less than a week an impoverished, unarmed and tightly controlled people have become better equipped than the Bosnian Army ever was and has taken over a third of Albania almost without a fight.

The President's most recent failure to interest the rebels in compromise stems from the three-tiered nature of the Opposition he faces. He offered his concessions to opposition politicians in Tirana. These politicians are not representative of the rebels, whose allegiance is primarily geared to achieving the President's downfall, and Mr Berisha has not yet offered his resignation.

The opposition parties can do whatever they wish, but the people's wishes are different," said Colonel Khevat Kocin, the rebel frontman in Sarande. "This is not a revolt connected to those opposition parties, it is a popular revolution for reasons different to their political agendas."

The rebels themselves are divided. Men like the retired Colonel Kocin are urban intellectuals who talk of restraint and tolerance, much as did Sarajevo's intellectuals at the start of the Bosnian war. How much influence they and their "committee" really have over the teenage gangs who possess the firepower of a



An anti-Berisha protest shows a three-fingered victory sign yesterday in the southern town of Vlore, which is in the forefront of unrest

small army remains to be seen. "Look at me. I'm the leader here and I don't even have a gun," said the grandfatherly Colonel Kocin, opening his coat to expose a pistol-less belt. Everyone else here has a weapon of some sort. Even ten-year-olds have traded in their catapults for Kalashnikovs, heavy machineguns and anti-tank rockets. Each town has its own

agenda and own army. In Gjirokastra, more than 60 TSS tanks were captured from the Government on Saturday. Their officers and crews, local men, defected to the rebels.

"We're administering the armour under the command of the Gjirokastra committee," said Colonel Jusuf Cepani proudly. "What we do with them is down to the people." The munitions in newly captured Berat alone could feed a

small war for a year. The mind boggles. For this is not a rebellion that has an easily discerned aim. Southern Albanians have risen up principally in anger over their financial losses in the pyramid saving schemes, found themselves the sudden possessors of weapons and are struggling to find a political agenda.

Every self-respecting Kalashnikov gunman the world over can name his

allegiance — PLO, IRA, HVO, BiH. Not the Albanian rebels, though. Yet they are armed and furious. It is a curious kind of peasant revolt in reverse — the arms have come before the agenda, as if proletarian Lloyd's investors took control of the army and then began to think about policy.

President Berisha has no other option but to resign. But even that would not solve Albania's problems. As each

day passes, the tiny nation grows closer to becoming a European Somalia.

"I don't know whether Berisha will resign or not," said one elderly man in Sarande, as he tried to arrange safe passage for himself and his family on a fishing boat to Corfu. "The last six days mean we shall be in armed turmoil for the next six years. I am not waiting here to see that."

Anarchy and mayhem make themselves at home in the Hotel California

FROM TOM WALKER IN BERAT

ANARCHY overtook this ancient town on the edge of the southern mountains yesterday as Albania's descent into chaos spread inexorably north.

Stolen cars skidded around the central square in front of the Hotel California, youths leaning out of the back windows firing streams of bullets over their heads.

"The people were killing themselves in a big festival," explained

Elena Goga, president of the Alba Travel Agency in the centre of Berat. "Don't worry, no foreign people are dying here, it is not the tradition."

The only hardy soul braving the deserted streets was a European Union monitor, in pristine white. "I'm afraid it reminds me of Bosnia six years ago. Europe must act fast to save this country," said Hans Dietrich Gauglitz, a former German officer.

Berat's fall is a crushing blow for President Berisha, who now faces

an almost impossible task in uniting his country. A new front line has opened up, with what is left of the Albanian Army now pinned just south of the River Shkumbini, which runs from Lake Ohrid west to the Adriatic. Albanians regard this as the natural boundary between North and South, and this is where the army looks set to make its last stand.

For Mrs Goga, the influx of journalists wishing to witness her town's descent into madness was a welcome surprise. "Thank you for

coming. Do not blame our President, he is a man of good heart, but he has been badly advised," she said.

Berat's fate was inevitable when the underground arms factory at Polican, just south of the town, fell on Sunday night. Within 12 hours its stocks of automatic weapons and ammunition had been plundered. A doctor in the town said at least one person had been killed and 20 injured in the orgy of shooting that followed.

"I have brought many tourists

here before, but I do not think this is a good time," said Mrs Goga, a diminutive force of sense and order amid the civil strife all around.

Who now runs Berat was by no means clear. The secret police, Shik, insisted they were still in charge, but 50 yards down the street a new "Emergency Council of Berat" had convened in the city hall.

"Absolutely nothing has changed," said Caimir Hamidi, the Shik chief of commissariat. "We now have the young people back

under control. We are depoliticised. We take our orders from Tirana."

But in the city hall, Flamur Ruga, the Socialist representative, said that Fatos Nano, the former Prime Minister, must be released from prison in the capital before any negotiations involving rebel-held towns can be started.

Gangs of youths manned road blocks at one-mile intervals out of the town, and the light was fading

fast as Mrs Goga waved a hasty goodbye. "You must use velocity," she said. "But please remember to tell Europe about our problems."

It now seems almost inevitable that Albania's civil disturbances will spread across the fertile plain and northwards to the hinterland of Tirana. Mr Berisha's pleas for peace and understanding while a government of national unity is negotiated have fallen on deaf ears.

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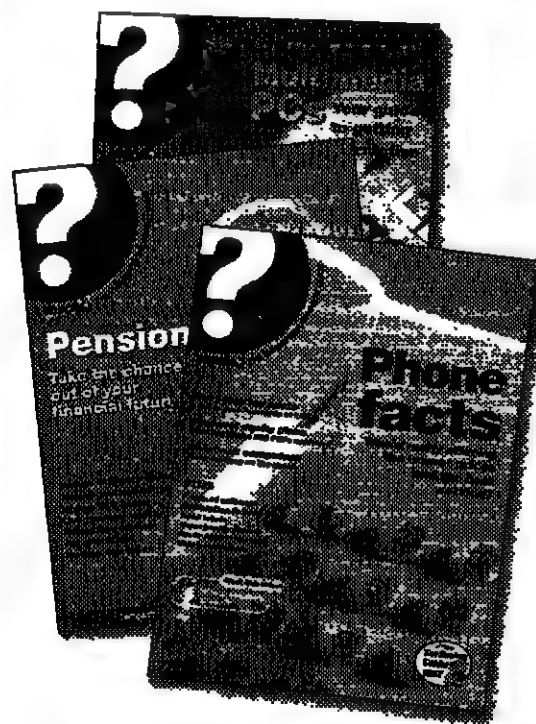
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The many faces of Quasimodo, Victor Hugo's hunchback: Lon Chaney in Wallace Worsley's silent film; Charles Laughton in an acclaimed remake; yet again with Anthony Quinn; and Disney's animation

Hugo family condemns Disney 'Hunchback'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

DESCENDANTS of the great French writer Victor Hugo have condemned Walt Disney's cartoon film *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* as a "scandalous and obscene" commercial exploitation of their ancestor's celebrated work.

In an open letter to *Libération* newspaper, Charles, Adèle, Jeanne, Sophie and Léopoldine Hugo, the great-great-grandchildren of the 19th-century author,

called for a "halt to the Disney pillage".

"The story used in this film is borrowed from the work of Victor Hugo, but his name is not even mentioned on the posters that cover the planet... In this commercial debauchery every sort of 'product' has been sold in connection with the film: models of the Walt Disney figures, books, cartoons, CDs, video games, fluffy toys," they wrote. "We find this bazaar scandalous and obscene."

To the distress of France's cultural guardians, the Disney cartoon, loosely based on Hugo's *Noir-Dame de Paris*, has proved a box office hit since it opened here last November. More than six million people have seen the film in France, while the Disney merchandising has earned millions more.

"Is it right that a multinational enterprise should make billions for itself out of a story which it did not create and which legally and morally belongs to the general cultural heritage?" the Hugos wrote. For many within France's

cultural elite, the Disney film is merely the latest evidence of the creeping Americanisation of French culture.

The writer's descendants noted that, while Disney's cuddly and politically corrected "Hunchback" is being used to sell McDonald's hamburgers, Vermeer's portrait of a milkmaid is promoting milk products and Ravel's *Bohème* has become the theme music for a French insurance company.

"Shouldn't the cultural authorities in our country react against

this commercial pillaging of the heritage and remember that the universality of genius is a very different thing from this vulgar commercialisation by unscrupulous salesmen?" the writer's descendants asked.

French intellectuals were initially scandalised by Disney's plan to adapt Hugo's literary masterpiece, particularly when the company asked to launch the film at the great cathedral itself. But the critical response to the film was muted, with many claiming to see parallels

between the story, in which the gypsy Esmeralda at one point seeks asylum in the cathedral, and France's immigration problems.

Even though the Disney characters bear almost no relation to the original, sales of works by Victor Hugo have increased since the film was released. Tourism at the 13th-century cathedral is at an all-time high, although rather fewer people have taken the time to visit an exhibition of Hugo's sketches of medieval Paris at his house in the Marais district. Travel companies

are now offering five-day "Hunchback" tours of Paris.

Hugo's epic novel is a far cry from the trite sentiments and plastic figures of its newest incarnation, but the writer would probably have viewed France's Disney Hunchback-mania with a philosophical eye.

In his own words: "A stand can be made against invasion by an army; no stand can be made against invasion by an idea."

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Cargo planes fly US tourists to sun

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

IF HOLIDAY charter flight passengers in the past felt they were treated like freight, that experience is now reality in America.

The courier delivery company United Parcel Service (UPS) is transforming some of its 197 cargo planes into weekend passenger aircraft. Using innovative, lock-in-place modules, the interiors of five of the mail delivery company's Boeing 727s are being equipped with comfortably lined tourist cabins, complete

with temporary seats, galleys and grinning stewards.

The Boeings were built as quick-change aircraft, capable of being altered in three hours. Complete sections of passenger cabin are rolled into the empty cargo hold before being bolted to the floor. Once communications, oxygen and electricity are connected (the 727s have permanent lavatories and the usual number of windows), the aircraft is ready for boarding. The UPS planes will be used to ferry American

holidaymakers from numerous cities to tourist destinations such as Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The transformation took a Pittsburgh air traffic controller by surprise last weekend. Cindy Read, a UPS spokesman, said: "The pilot asked to be directed to a passenger gate, but the air traffic control guy insisted on diverting him to the cargo bay. He couldn't comprehend that we had passengers on board."

Weekends are slow times for

parcel companies and the quick-change aircraft allow for more efficient use of the UPS fleet, the company said.

The UPS planes are said to be more comfortable than normal passenger Boeing 727s. The altered aircraft have 113 seats, compared with the 125 on commercial airline 727s.

On Sunday evenings, after disgorging the last of their homeward-bound holidaymakers, the planes return to the hangars and are turned back into freighters.

WORLD SUMMARY

Hands off textbooks, China told

Hong Kong: Chris Patten, the Governor, last night told Beijing to keep its hands off school textbooks after the transfer of sovereignty in July (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Mr Patten was responding to a statement by Qian Qichen, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, that some colony textbooks "do not accord with history or reality, are not suited to the changes after 1997, contradict the spirit of 'one country two systems'... and must be revised".

Third man hunt

Washington: The FBI is reported to be hunting a third man over the Oklahoma City bombing which killed 168 people — only weeks before the trial of Timothy McVeigh opens in Denver (Tom Rhodes writes). They believe Robert Jacques, who appeared to be "in charge" when seen with Mr McVeigh months before the blast, is in hiding.

Korea rethink

Seoul: South Korea's parliament passed a new labour Bill to replace a law that sparked almost a month of strikes. The ruling New Korea Party, bowing to pressure from home and abroad, agreed in the revised legislation to delay for two years implementation of a controversial clause making it easier for companies to lay off workers. (Reuters)

Libyan link

Rome: The Vatican established full diplomatic relations with Libya, in a move that put it at odds with America and other countries trying to isolate Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. Ambassador-level ties were forged despite months of lobbying by the US. The Vatican cited "positive results" in Libya in the area of religious freedom. (Reuters)

Spirited away

Suva: Looters, some using a stolen coffin to float away their ill-gotten goods, have raided scores of cyclone-damaged shops in Fiji. Cyclone Gavin, which hit Fiji last week, killed four people, left 16 seamen missing and caused widespread flooding. (Reuters)

Second star is shot dead in America's war of rappers

BY QUENTIN LETTS

AMERICA'S rap musicians are in a state of high anxiety after a second of their number was shot dead in a Mafia-style assassination.

Christopher Wallace, an overweight tough who turned to rap after an earlier career dealing drugs in Brooklyn, died in Los Angeles when his car was hit by numerous bullets at the weekend.

Wallace, who took the stage names Notorious B.I.G. and Biggie Smalls, was killed in much the same way as his arch-rival, Tupac Shakur, who died after a roadside shooting in Las Vegas last September. Wallace and his East Coast cronies had in recent months threatened the commercial supremacy of Shakur and Marion "Suge" Knight, the bulky head of Death Row Records.

An East-West rappers' "war" developed, and with the two stars now dead, people are

waiting to see who is next to be shot. One man feeling distinctly at risk is Wallace's associate and record label boss, Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs, whose Bad Boy Entertainment Group has sold more than 12 million records. The 26-year-old Combs was with Wallace on the night of the shooting.



Wallace: his car was raked with bullets

He has since vanished. The deaths of Shakur and Wallace have forced official America to peer into the world of the leading rappers, who have made millions and surround themselves with armed heavies. When bullets start flying on Main Street, the authorities can no longer ignore a world which they have been reluctant to intrude on, perhaps partly out of sensitivity to its minority status.

With its firearms, bodyguards, nicknames and its disdain for the law, however, big-time rap has now gone beyond fringe interest. When singers surround themselves with Uzis and, as Knight did, take part in hotel lobby beatings of rival gang members, they stop resembling entertainers and start to look plain scary. Police have had little success so far investigating the two killings, encountering instead a wall of silence.

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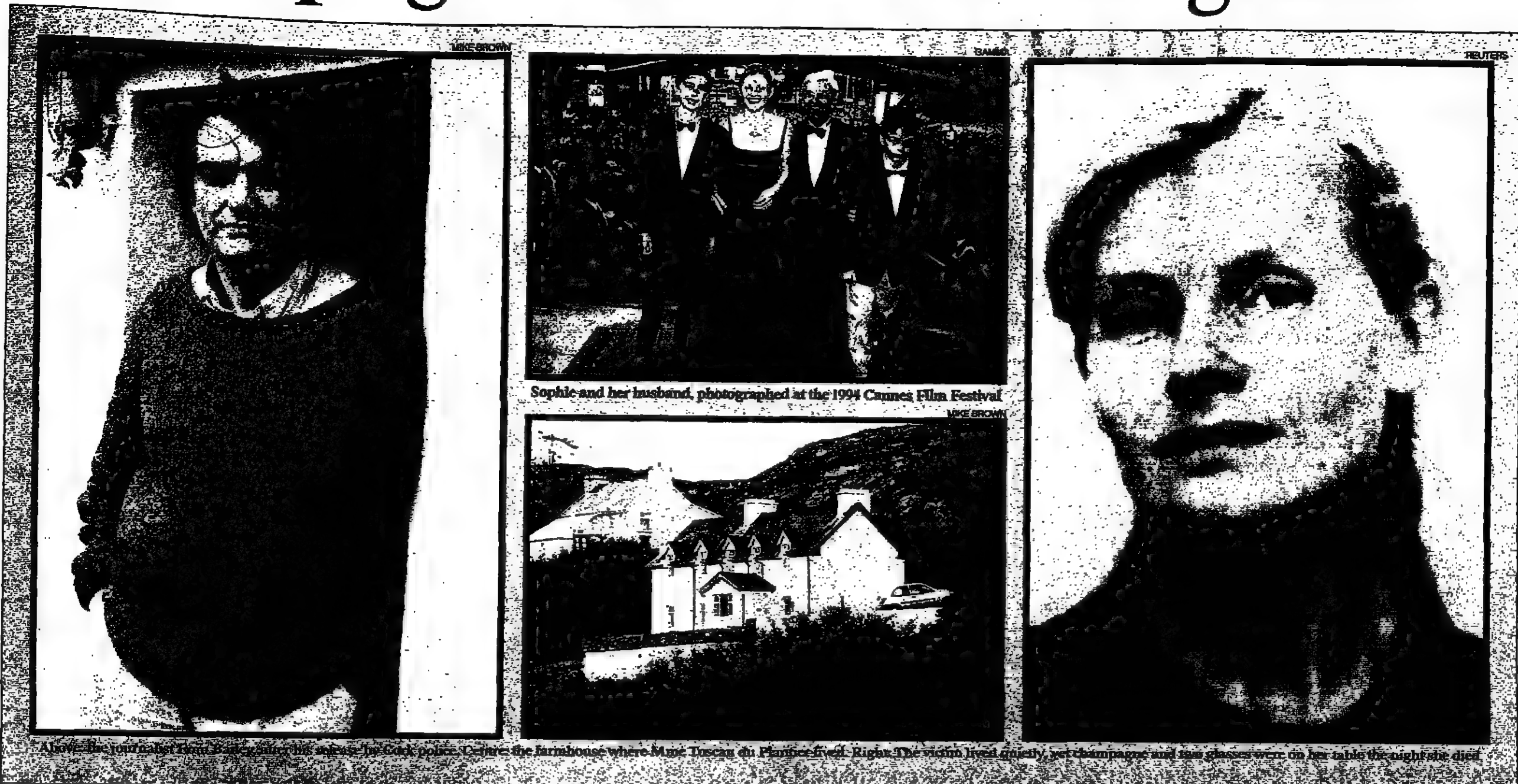


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Murder, and the mystery of chilled champagne and two clean glasses



Below: the journalist Eoin Bailey, who was the first to report the murder of Mme du Plantier. Right: the farmhouse where Mme du Plantier lived. Right: The victim lived quietly, yet champagne and two clean glasses were on her table the night she died

Seclusion and rugged beauty brought Sophie Toscan du Plantier to a tip of the West Cork coastline and a farmhouse abandoned 150 years earlier during the Great Famine. It was love at first sight, but a love which was to cost the French television producer her life.

Two days before Christmas, Mme du Plantier's body was discovered by a neighbour inside the gateway to her house overlooking Dunmanus Bay. She had been repeatedly struck from behind with a blunt instrument before the killer crushed her skull by dropping a large rock on her several times.

The murder of 38-year-old Mme du Plantier, the estranged wife of a French film magnate, has devastated her family and traumatised those in the remote community to which she moved six years ago. Irish police privately admit they are "a long way" from an arrest.

Chief Superintendent Noel Smith, leading the inquiry, acknowledges that the killing has shattered the rural tranquillity which attracted so many refugees from city life to his corner of Cork. What reassurance can he offer to other local celebrity experts — who include Jeremy Irons, Margaret Jay, Victoria Glendinning and David



Putnam — while a murderer is still at large?

Early last month, Smith thought his detectives were on the verge of a breakthrough with the arrest of Eoin Bailey, a freelance journalist from Gloucester who had settled in Cork. The reporter, released without charge after 12 hours of questioning, was briefly cast as a suspect in a week of media speculation.

Mr Bailey, 40, is furious about his treatment at the hands of both the press and police.

A local stringer for the *Cork Examiner*, he was the first journalist on the scene after a tip-off. His arrival at the farmhouse was said to have been regarded as "suspiciously prompt" by police.

Mr Bailey, who strenuously denies killing Mme du Plantier, had before his arrest

The brutal killing of Frenchwoman Sophie Toscan du Plantier has brought fear to a remote Irish community. Bill Frost reports

been the source of much detailed reporting of the murder. During house-to-house inquiries, police also noticed that he had scratches on his face and arms. His explanation, that he suffered the cuts while killing three turkeys and cutting down a Christmas tree, has been corroborated by the woman with whom he lives.

At the journalist's home two miles from the farmhouse, there is no welcome for unexpected callers. Mr Bailey, unshaven and looking tired, speaks angrily of his questioning by the police between drags on a roll-up cigarette.

"I just want to be left alone to get on with my life. They released me because there was no evidence — this business is now in the hands of my solicitor," he says.

The 6ft 4in journalist's career in Britain peaked in the mid-1980s with a series of articles about the GCHQ spy centre in Cheltenham. He is remembered by colleagues at the time as "a man with an eye for the ladies and a nose for a good story".

Jules Thomas, the Welsh artist he lives with now, is fiercely protective of Mr Bailey. She glowers before launching a short but blistering attack on the police investigation.

Ms Thomas, who is Mr Bailey's alibi for the night of the murder, was taken in and questioned for six hours by detectives. "They said that if I didn't make a statement, I would go down. They even tried to make me look at photographs of the murdered woman. I refused. I insisted that what I was saying was the truth — that I was with Eoin that night, that I was not sheltering him. Why won't they look in France? ... there is a French connection here."

However, Chief Superintendent Smith insists that the "French connection" — a report that Mme du Plantier had been threatened by a "Breton writer" shortly before she was battered to death — has been thoroughly examined. "We haven't been able to authenticate the story," he says firmly.

Daniel du Plantier, the dead woman's husband, has been quoted in the Paris press as saying that he "can no longer live without Sophie". The chairman of a company which promotes French films worldwide, he separated from his wife some months ago, although a reconciliation was thought to be imminent. A spokeswoman at his offices in Paris said he was not willing to discuss the murder.

Any accusation of promiscuity against the victim or suggestion of "mystery lovers" at the farmhouse is greeted with angry denials by those who knew her in Dunmanus Bay, such as her housekeeper, Mrs Josie Hellen. "She was a quiet, sensitive soul who came here for privacy," she told friends when allegations about her employer's private life began appearing in the Irish press.

Among the last people to see Mme du Plantier alive was Angela O'Sullivan, a publican's wife with whom she shared a pot of tea and a chair on the Saturday before she died. She, too, is indignant at

rumours of a torrid affair: "I never saw her with a man in my life. The only other person to come with her was her son."

However, on the night she died, Mme du Plantier was perhaps expecting a visitor. An unopened bottle of champagne sat chilling on her kitchen table, with two clean glasses. There was also a half-burnt red candle.

Chief Superintendent

Smith refuses to speculate on whether Mme du Plantier might have been waiting to entertain her killer. "There are so many rumours already," he says.

His frustration is palpable. "We are some way from sending a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions. We can only hope that this person does not strike again before an arrest is made."

His words are small comfort to Mme du Plantier's family or to local people.

Paddy Sheehan, the MP, sums up a sense of violation: "It's been a nightmare. I still believe it could have been an outside job. This will certainly affect the atmosphere here."

His words ring true on Mizen Head, west of Dun-

manus Bay, where Mme du Plantier loved to walk and where the wind howls along the stunning coastline. A ruddy-faced old man with an ancient collie stops briefly to chat. He does not really want to talk about the murder. "It's as though we'd been robbed ... someone has taken away our peace," he says. "The outside world has caught up with the dream."

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Complaint from Professor Biddle and Magister Kjetilve-Biddle — summary of adjudication

On 8 October 1986 BBC2 broadcast *Evidence of Vikings*, an edition of *Timewatch*, which looked at Viking culture, and included excerpts from interviews with Professor Biddle and his wife Magister Kjetilve-Biddle, who had conducted research into a Viking burial mound at Repton, Derbyshire.

The Biddles complained that in the use of the interviews they had given and in the treatment of their work, they had been treated unfairly. They said that prior assurances about the way their contribution to the programme would be used had not been honoured, that the balance of the programme had been weighted excessively against their view of Viking activity; that their contributions had been misrepresented and that the outcome of radio-carbon dating tests carried out on bones from the burial mound had been unfairly represented.

In partly upholding the complaint, the Commission did not find that the BBC had breached any prior assurances given to the Biddles, or that the way the programme dealt with the radio-carbon evidence was unfair. They did find unfairness in respect of the misrepresentation of some of the Biddles' contributions and that the balance of the programme was thereby affected.

You can get a copy of the full adjudication by sending a stamped addressed envelope to: The Broadcasting Complaints Commission, 7 The Sanctuary, London SW1P 3JS.

Britain's first caring centre for cancer sufferers owes its existence to a remarkable woman, says **Magnus Linklater**

Helping hand: Maggie wanted to help fellow sufferers

Not the least remarkable thing about her fight against the disease was the legacy she left. Determined that others should benefit from her discoveries, she planned, designed and funded a building that would become Britain's first caring centre for cancer patients, in the grounds of

shrinks the patient's confidence," Maggie wrote, "and arriving for the first time at a huge NHS hospital is often a time of unnecessary anxiety." With this in mind, the centre, converted stables, is more like a comfortable home than a hospital. It has a kitchen, sitting room, bathroom, all designed to be as familiar and reassuring as possible. Views are of trees and grass and the centre is full of light — designed by the architect Richard Murphy, it is a place of open spaces as well as offering comfort and security.

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Abstract—The purpose of this study was to determine if there were differences in the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders between two groups of nurses working in different departments of a tertiary care hospital. The study included 100 nurses from the medical-surgical department and 100 nurses from the intensive care unit. Data were collected by means of a self-administered questionnaire. Results showed that the prevalence of musculoskeletal disorders was higher among nurses from the intensive care unit than among nurses from the medical-surgical department. The most prevalent disorder was low back pain, followed by neck pain and shoulder pain.

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Joe Joseph on how the Royal Family are leading the way for divorced couples in the fashion to forgive

Post-divorce peace

Just in time to save themselves from the tide of republicanism lapping at their ankles, the Royal Family have found a new purpose in life to complement their important historical role of owning even more palaces than the Sultan of Brunei.

The Windsors may be hopeless at it's a Knockout, and even worse at marriage, but they are beginning to prove themselves to be the sort of ex-spouses that other divorcees would die for. Whereas other separated couples regard a "post-divorce piece" as a sexual fling you have after the decree nisi comes through, the Queen's children have misheard the syndrome and assumed it to read "post-divorce peace". Having swapped the hurly-burly of the *chaise longue* for the deep, deep peace of the marital double bed, Charles, Anne and Andrew clearly see no reason to plunge themselves into a different type of hurly-burly in divorce.

Look at the photo of Prince William's confirmation in Windsor and the civil smiles exchanged between Diana and Charles. This is the picture Camilla will hate.

Compare this scene with the behaviour of the once ever-so-cool Bob and Paula Goldof. Police were called to Bob's Chelsea home at the weekend when a meeting with ex-wife Paula — who apparently had arrived to discuss their children — grew too fiery to handle.

Maybe the Queen's children, making a belated nod to noblesse oblige and realising that Britain's zooming divorce rate is among the greatest threats to the fabric of Mummy's society, have even been getting themselves unsuitably hitched over the years purely to show that behaving civilly after the divorce goes a long way to making life smoother for the children and the new spouses.

Diana may have learnt the benefits of post-divorce peace from her parents: her mother, Frances Shand-Kydd, was heard complaining over the weekend about her reputation as "The Bolter", the woman who abandoned her family for her lover Peter Shand-Kydd.

Mrs Shand-Kydd says that after her separation from Earl Spencer, Diana and her brother, Charles, stayed with her while the two elder sisters were at school. But "when

they went back to their father for Christmas, he refused to let them return to me and applied to the court for their permanent return."

This sounds more like the Geldofs: he seems to hate her even more strongly than he once hated Mondays, and she throws bricks through his window. She said of the incident, last summer: "I'd gone round to talk about Pixie's sore ear [Pixie is the daughter, not the dog], but you know how these domestic incidents can blow up. One minute you're talking about dividing the toaster and the next you find yourself frenziedly cutting one leg off all his trousers."

If Charles and Diana are proving

'One minute you're talking; the next you're cutting up his trousers'

that they can at last smile at each other when family circumstances bring them together, and if Anne and Mark Phillips remain cordial enough to take joint responsibility for their children, Fergie and Andrew have gone several steps better, with Sarah still referring to Andrew as her best friend and the Duke of York letting her move back into their former marital ranch in Berkshire.

They are so pally that either he is blind to her faults — financial opportunism that reminds you of those snake-oil salesmen who used to roam the American Wild West: the self-knowledge of a frying pan: attraction to such dubious, greedy, social-climbing phoney that you cannot help thinking that even a stale ham sandwich must be a smarter judge of character than Sarah Ferguson — or the Yorks have scaled new peaks in post-divorce peace.

Perhaps the only couple to have climbed higher without the aid of

marriage-guidance sherpas was the late Kingsley Amis, who spent the last chapter of his life living under the same roof as his first wife Hilary — mother of Martin — and her current husband, Lord Kilmarnock. They all set up home together after Kingsley split from his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Howard.

Andrew Lloyd Webber is still chummy enough with his ex-wife Sarah Brightman to give her roles in his musicals, although in their case there are no children providing any glue to keep them attached. Michael Aspel even went on holiday to Tuscany with his estranged wife, actress Lizzie Power, and their two sons last summer while the new woman in his life — Irene Clark, a blonde production assistant on *This Is Your Life* — stayed at home in London.

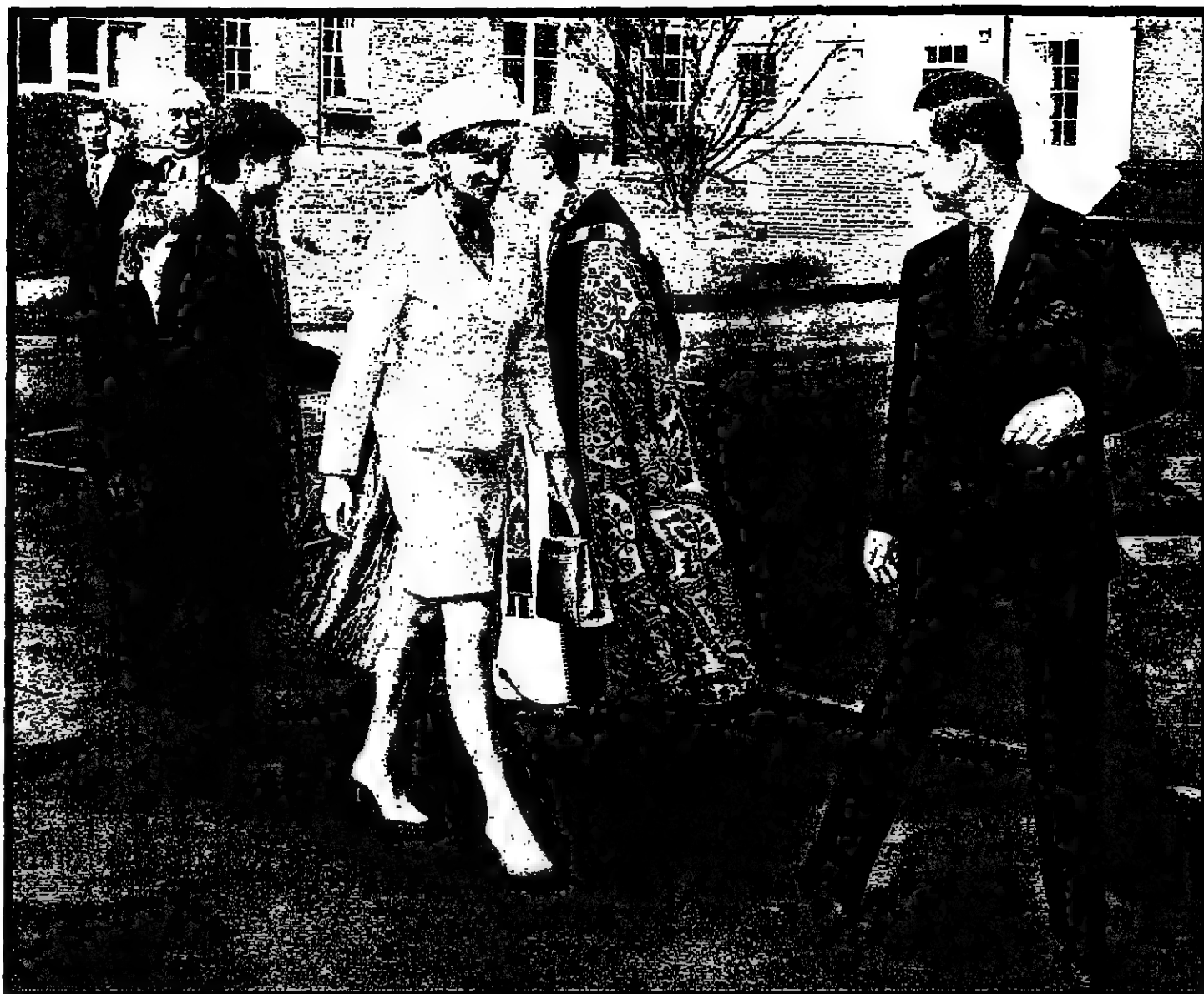
And while David Mellor, MP, wins few prizes for loyalty — even abandoning Fulham Football Club in favour of John Major's team, Chelsea — he has remained on calm enough terms with his ex-wife, Judith. Mellor now lives with Lady Cobham, who is also sailing through a sea of post-divorce peace with her ex, Lord Cobham: "My husband and I are in total mutual support."

But these are all relatively rare cases of post-divorce peace.

Prince Charles's favourite rocker, Phil Collins, has left behind two exes, Andrea and Jill, now that he has moved to Switzerland with his newest babe, Orianne Cerve, a Swiss heiress. How prickly was his separation from Andrea? So prickly that Collins issued an album about the collapse of their marriage, which included such phrases as "If you told me you were drowning, I would not lend a hand", from the song *In The Air Tonight*. "I believe he always saw me as his property," Andrea complains. "He felt he controlled me when we were married, and he still does."

When Collins later left Jill and their young daughter Lily, he informed the world about his impending divorce by fax. He faxed a copy of the press statement to his old home for Jill to read. It said: "In simple human terms, I am not in love with my partner any more."

Although she bore David Bowie a son called Zowie (who now prefers to be known as Joe), Angie



Closing the gap: a year ago it was war, but Charles and Diana were cheerful and relaxed in each other's company at William's confirmation

Bowie seems to be about as keen on her ex-husband as she would be to sit on a porcupine. Angie stage-managed David's flamboyant early career, but he rose so far, so fast that she began to fear that he was in danger of burning out. "I kept thinking, what's up with him? What is the matter with him? And sort of through the grapevine I would hear that he was doing a *laa-aa-hi* of cocaine, a *laa-aa-hi* of

this, and a *laa-aa-hi* of that. I was thinking, ugh, how gross, because it just wasn't my thing."

Angie Bowie doesn't speak these words. She hisses them. "It was a marriage of convenience. It was a marriage where it gave him a lot more strength to say he was bisexual and then be able to renege on it totally and say 'it was just promotion, it was just propaganda'. Just because you get to be

middle-aged, and scared, and you want to hang out with royalty, you suddenly say 'It was a lie. I never meant any of it'. I don't know about you, but it doesn't sit well with me. Worse thing you can do is become a middle-aged bore." And, of course, to get remarried to the Somali-born supermodel Iman. If you were looking for an example to put in the post-divorce-peace textbook, the Bowies would not be it. And don't

think it is just rock stars who can't work out a post-divorce accommodation. Eighteen months ago Nick Faldo left his second wife and their three children in favour of Brenna Cepelak, a golf student from Arizona. See what I mean? Suddenly those young royals, with their post-divorce bonhomie, begin to look rather admirable. OK, so you have to squint quite hard, but still.

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Don't bank on a Labour landslide

Peter Mandelson believes Blair's majority won't affect his policies

The general election campaign is under way in all but name. It is a campaign in which Labour starts well placed, but as Tony Blair says, support can never be taken for granted. Victory depends on convincing voters that the party will not only be elected as new Labour but will govern as new Labour.

Consider, first, the task facing the party: to gain a majority of one in the new Parliament. Labour must make 55 gains. If the change in vote share was uniform across the country, this would require a net swing of 4.1 per cent. To achieve a comfortable majority of around 50, we need a swing of 6 per cent. Yet the highest swing from Conservative to Labour since 1945 was 3.2 per cent in 1964. Neither major party has achieved a swing of 6 per cent.

So it is essential that we avoid complacency; but it is difficult to escape the *fin de régime* mood that hangs over every aspect of this Government. Most within the Government seem to be focusing more on a future Tory leadership election than on the general election. The Tories are pursuing a relentlessly negative campaign — using, for example, the lie that Labour has £30 billion of hidden spending with relentlessly negative results.

Voters fear that Blair may be blown off course

Meanwhile Labour is presenting a positive programme. Our fully costed pledges for smaller class sizes, less NHS bureaucracy, quicker treatment of juvenile crime and getting 250,000 young people off benefit and into work, all without income tax increases, emphasise that change is possible. But it requires a government committed to the many, not the few. We have buried the tax and spend mentality for good. This has led to a consistent poll lead, and support from many quarters — such as the business community — which have never supported Labour before.

Yet if we are to win our first election for 22 years, voters need to be convinced of one thing above all. They worry about whether the party will allow Tony Blair to achieve what he promises. They are concerned that once in government Mr Blair will face problems with his party in Parliament and outside which will blow him off course. Some think that a small majority will present more problems (because an awkward squad will have more leverage), while others say that a large majority will be more dangerous (because the awkward squad will feel freer).

That debate is irrelevant. Both views fail to appreciate the extent to which Tony Blair's revolution has altered the structures and culture of the party. This has transformed the composition and make-up of the party's would-be MPs and their attitude to office. Most of all, both views fail to appreciate the difference between John Major and Tony Blair when it comes to party management.

the Lycée Condorcet, a feeder for the *grandes écoles*. "She would have made a terrible diplomat," says one former inmate. "She has very firm views and does not hesitate to state them."

Anon anon

PUBLISHERS have latched on to the benefits of producing books "By Anonymous", as they put it.

Another remembers her manner: "She always had that Princess Margaret acid-drop look, as though someone had just grated garlic on her crème brûlée." Not that this stopped her describing Britain as a country riddled with social prejudice.

Her great passion was the films of Billy Wilder, director of *Some Like It Hot*. "I wouldn't say she ran with a fast set," says her friend, "but she was not the sort to stay in every night or lacking in male company." For anyone intent on creating the Chanel exterior, she was terrified of spiders.

At Oxford, she professed her desire to be a high-flying French diplomat. She has ended up teaching the children of Paris's élite at



BOOKER WINNER ACCUSED OF PLAGIARISM....

The price of charity

Cardinal Winning has been vilified for his offer of help to women considering abortion. What else should Christians do?

Sometimes you can measure the merit of an idea by the tone of those who snarl at it. There is nothing like a narky sneer to throw innocent simplicity into relief. The onlooker glances at both sides, sees the bared yellow teeth of those who appear to be winning, and vaults without hesitation onto the other side of the barricades. Better to go down in good company than join the cold-eyed winners.

This morning, after the onslaught by "pro-choice" spokesmen, I suspect that Cardinal Thomas Winning has found some new allies. His offer of diocesan financial help to any woman contemplating abortion produced a fine crop of just the sort of mean-spirited barking that makes chivalry and charity seem suddenly irresistible. Indeed those who spent the weekend quietly despairing of all Churches because of the niggly row over whether Prince William's confirmation should have been done by the Archbishop of Canterbury and/or attended by Ms Tiggy Legge-Bourke, may find themselves cheered up by the way the Cardinal's speech on abortion bracingly redraws the battle lines between believers and the rest.

Indignant voices on the radio talked of "a bribe" and "a shameful bribe". Anne Marie Keary of the National Abortion Campaign said he was "implying that women can be bought". The Abortion Law Reform Association said: "This puts unfair pressure on women and is only going to make them feel more guilty." It was, I suppose, inevitable that we in the media should home in on the financial content of his speech, but that was not the whole of it or even the heart of it. Read it again: does it sound like a free flight offer or an attempt to buy off women with free nappies?

I think not. What it does sound like is a straight, and rare, offer of support to women caught in what even the abortion lobby admits is an awful dilemma. Because pregnancy is a practical matter, some of that support inevitably must be practical. No student of the Gospels should be particularly surprised at a churchman offering his clergy as sources of help, advice and, if necessary, alms. Indeed the only really shocking and newsworthy thing about the speech is that any Church should feel the need to present such basic Christianity as some kind of innovation. If you really want a hot

cope with raising the baby on your own, we will help you. If you want to discuss adoption of your unborn child, we will help you. If you cannot face your family, or if pressure in your local area is making you consider abortion, come to us. We will help find you somewhere to have your baby surrounded by support and encouragement. This invitation, I repeat, is open to all, irrespective of age, creed or colour. Let us help you to avoid making one of the biggest mistakes of your life.

Now that does not sound to me much like a bribe or a threat or a demand for fallen women to hand over their babies to self-righteous churchgoing families. It does not sound like political posturing or even aggressive evangelism. Cardinal Winning has distanced himself from strident American "pro-lifers", saying mildly that he does not believe in violence or in embarrassing people, and that we must "separate the problem from the people. Be hard on the problem and soft on the people." It was, I suppose, inevitable that we in the media should home in on the financial content of his speech, but that was not the whole of it or even the heart of it. Read it again: does it sound like a free flight offer or an attempt to buy off women with free nappies?

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Roman Catholic story, why not do a shock-horror screamer about the fact that here in England Cardinal Basil Hume goes no further in support than to say "Cardinal Winning has given a good lead which we should all consider carefully"? Hum. There was another "good lead" once, involving selling all you had and giving to the poor, forgiving your brother seven times seven, turning the other cheek and washing the feet of sinners. Perhaps that is being "carefully considered" too.

The Scottish Cardinal's offer is no more or less than straightforward Christianity. Troubled and tempted and desperate people are always welcome at the Presbytery, aren't they? Isn't that what pastoral care means? Or have I missed some change of policy here? And yes, it is true that clergy have been guilty in the past of oppression, bullying, emotional terrorism and downright refusal to help petitioners; but it does not follow that they are meant to act that way. It just means that they are sometimes perverted into behaving like the rest of humanity, and need a periodic goading back to the hard simplicities of the Christian message.

Of course you can pick holes in the idea of the already fairly broke Glasgow archdiocese offering money to women to help them to avoid abortions. You could point out the risk of con-artists: women who aren't pregnant, or intend to keep the baby anyway, or mean to have an abortion once they've scarpers with the money. Of course the Cardinal needs a degree of faith and hope that this attempt at charity will work; but then whoever confused a priest with a Chancellor of the Exchequer?

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So I hope that the Cardinal means it all the way, and makes sure that his flock does too. I doubt that he will have very many takers, but some women will give it a try. If they find fellowship, not condemnation, a place to lay their heads, a minimum of practical friendship — years of it — from the family of believers, then some of those women might in the process find faith. Or, in later life, their babies might. In which case the Cardinal is only doing his job, isn't he?

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The ally Kohl can't abandon

Anatole Kaletsky on Europe's most powerful state

I have just returned from the most powerful country in Europe — the country with the Continent's best long-term record of economic growth, rising living standards, productivity improvement and industrial innovation and the one whose government will decide in the next few months whether to make or break the single currency project. I refer, of course, to Italy, where I have just spent three days at a fascinating seminar organised by the Fondazione Giorgio Cini.

Italy may be associated with overregulation, bloated bureaucracy and political corruption, but it has earned an excellent living for the past 50 years by making fools of economists, sociologists, political scientists and management consultants who claim to understand the secret ingredients of economic success.

The broader political aspects of this Italian paradox were much discussed in the mid 1980s, when Italy overtook Britain to become the world's fifth largest economy, an event fondly remembered by Italians as *il sorpasso*. All kinds of explanations were advanced at the time for Italy's success. These ranged from the claim that Italy had actually enjoyed the greatest political stability in Europe because its 40-year succession of revolving-door governments had never produced a single important policy change, to the theory that Italy's corruption was the perfect antidote to its overregulation, allowing businesses to buy a freedom from bureaucratic interference matched only in Hong Kong.

Today, Italy finds itself in the middle of another paradox. Because of its curious combination of economic strength, financial weakness and political unpredictability, Italy now holds the key to the European single currency project. In the next few months, the decisions that could make or break European monetary union are going to be made not in Bonn or Frankfurt but in Rome.

Germany and France had always planned to start the single currency with a small inner core of northern European countries, leaving Italy, along with Spain and Portugal, to join the monetary union two or three years later, after the inevitable distrust among the German public had died down.

What nobody expected back in 1991 was that Germany would do so badly in the ensuing years that the Maastricht criteria would no longer be enough to sort the Nordic sheep from the Mediterranean goats. Although Italy will miss most of the five Maastricht targets, Germany will also fall on at least one and probably two. As a result there is no hope of excluding Italy in a clear, objective and politically inoffensive manner.

To make matters worse, Italy shows no sign of giving up in its efforts to squeeze into the Maastricht straitjacket. Its economy — as ever full of surprises — seems to be rallying better than expected after the self-inflicted wounds of huge tax increases and a sharp revaluation of the lira against the mark. And public opinion, far from turning against the entire European project, seems to have been roused by the idea defying the odds and hitting the Maastricht targets. As one official put it: "Italians love a race and now economic policy has become a spectator sport: the people will back us until the whistle blows. The closer the contest gets the more they will cheer."

Even if Italy knows that ultimately it will lose the race to be in the first round of monetary union (and I found senior Italians surprisingly realistic about this), the Government will not accept defeat until the "whistle blows" — that is until a final deal is struck early next year.

For Germany and Helmut Kohl, such brinkmanship could prove very uncomfortable. Italy's public insistence on membership in the first round is undermining public confidence in the whole project. There is also huge pressure from German industry, banking and the financial markets for irrevocable decisions to be made now about whether the whole thing will go ahead. But the closer Germany comes to making an irrevocable commitment to monetary union in 1999, the stronger it makes the bargaining positions of Italy and Spain. For the Mediterranean countries theoretically have it in their power to threaten him with the "nuclear option" of voting down a single currency from which they are excluded.

In practice, such a confrontation is unlikely. The Italians are surprisingly understanding of Herr Kohl's domestic problems. They know that the lira will suffer a worse financial backlash if the single currency collapses completely than if Italy agrees to wait in an ante-room for a few years. The likely resolution, therefore, is clear: Italy will do its best to hit the targets, and will then be offered associate monetary union membership, with a near-guarantee of full membership by 2002.

But everyone involved in these byzantine negotiations will be playing a perilous game of financial and political brinkmanship. One false step by Italian politicians or German central bankers, one rogue statistic or random speculative attack, and the whole single currency project could come tumbling down.

Chanel Fire

WHILE at Oxford, Mlle Isabelle Ayasch, the author of the new French A-level textbook which describes Britain as socially retarded, morally poor and a dump to live in, wore nothing but blue Chanel.

Between 1988 and 1990, Mlle Ayasch, now 29, was at Merton College, writing a thesis on *film noir*. "When she arrived, there was great excitement," says one friend. "She was always absolutely immaculately dressed."

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the Lycée Condorcet, a feeder for the *grandes écoles*. "She would have made a terrible diplomat," says one former inmate. "She has very firm views and does not hesitate to state them."

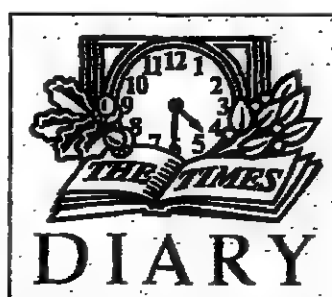
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Bricked up

AS THE Tate Gallery turns 100 this year, it is showing no signs of tiring of impenetrable art. Soon to hang alongside the Turners and Hogarths will be an exhibition of drawings by the Dublin-born artist Kathy Prendergast.

After long hours in the map room, Ms Prendergast has produced "intimate pencil drawings of every capital city in the world... presented as an unfolding series in which even the most colourful and dense cities are reduced to a network of anonymous traces, devoid of names, symbols or other identifying features". One up on the pile of bricks.

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Oman and his family. When they arrive, the main lifts are delayed as their private gold-painted gondola is rigged onto the cable. It comes equipped with a fitted carpet and a fully-stocked mini-bar for guests. Word has it that this season, the easily bored Sultan has added a hi-fi and central heating.

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author of *Mad Cow*, has been approached to write a series in which they essentially play themselves. *Absolutely Fabulous* is the obvious model.

Lette is reserved about specifics, saying only that the duo will play "best friends". Hall, in her role as Mrs Mick Jagger, will be quite familiar with Lette's favourite *bon mot*: "Men think monogamy is something you make furniture from."

P.H.S

Regular skiers at Gstaad in Switzerland are beginning to dread the arrival of the Sultan of Oman

The Sultan of Oman

"It hasn't worked since you tuned it for Channel 5"



GRASSHOPPERS AND ANTS

Dorrell plans for the elderly are a long-term investment

The Tories may be about to lose office but their ideas have not lost power. The Health Secretary's draft Bill on community care published yesterday, and his imminent announcement of plans to improve the delivery of social services, complement Peter Lilley's pension proposals of last week. Together they prove that it is in the imaginative deployment of market discipline that the best hope for adequate welfare provision lies. Whether or not one believes the National Health Service is safe in this Government's hands, it is certainly the case that social services are safer when left to Adam Smith's invisible hand.

Welcome as Mr Lilley and Mr Dorrell's radicalism is, however, their proposals are not panaceas. The draft Bill published yesterday seeks to address the concerns of prudent citizens who have worked throughout their lives to buy their own homes and find that the property they wished to pass on has to be sold to pay for long-term care. At present, pensioners are allowed only £16,000 worth of assets before they have to provide for their own residential care. There are few homes south of Scapa Flow which will command less than that on the market. Many natural Conservatives resent seeing those who have neither toiled nor spun guaranteed a minimum level of care while those who have been thrifty are forced to deprive their children of the expected inheritance in order to ensure that their final days are dignified. It offends against Tory values and Tory voters that policy should currently favour grasshoppers over ants.

Mr Dorrell hopes to encourage prudence by allowing citizens to ring-fence their assets early. For every pound of long-term care insurance cover purchased, £1.50 worth of assets will be protected. Thus a scheme which guarantees £80,000 worth of cover, which in itself would require an outlay of far less, would safeguard an additional £120,000 worth of assets on top of the £16,000 already allowed. The reform will require extra Treasury spending, but as with Mr Lilley's scheme, it will be worth it over the medium to long term if it encourages individuals to take out private provision.

Given the massive increase in social services spending over the last 25 years to the current level of some £7 billion, action was required to ensure the State was seen as provider of last resort not port of first call. It has been coming under ever greater strain. One of the costs of the greater personal freedom of the last 20 years has been an erosion in the capacity of working children to care for their parents. Greater social mobility and the increase in the proportion of women working have meant fewer families are physically capable of providing care for elderly relatives and more of them fall back on residential care.

If imaginative proposals are not implemented then governments cannot meet future demand. The financial services industry may have its problems but an insurance policy is more likely to be honoured than a politician's promise. Nevertheless, the proposal to regulate the sale of long-term care insurance under the Financial Services Act should help, like the rest of the Bill, to promote peace of mind.

Necessary as reforms are, Mr Dorrell's do little for those whose plight moved the Government to action. As Labour has pointed out, the pensioner who needs help now can take small comfort from the draft Bill. Those who have liquid savings as well as a home can use their nest-egg to buy provision and, consequently, protect their property on the £1.50 for a pound formula. Many of those, however, who have sunk their savings into bricks and mortar will still be faced with having to sell. In time, attractive equity release schemes may be developed which make it easy for the elderly to get cash quickly for some of the value of their property without losing the rights to their home; but time is what those most in need most lack. His plans, whatever caveats are raised, are better than Labour's proposal for a royal commission. The party which once promised to think the unthinkable on welfare now only promises to subcontract the operation. It would be better if Labour learnt to concentrate on ends rather than means and place more faith in the market to secure social justice.

TROUBLE WITH THE VIDEO

The fifth channel still has a lot of retuning to do

Channel 5 television is due to begin broadcasting in less than three weeks' time, and unless its engineers work miracles in the time remaining, the first transmission is likely to provoke fury in thousands of households across Britain. As Spring approaches, the forecast is for snow on the screen and flashes of interference on hundreds of thousands of video recorders that have not been retuned.

The start of this new television station, broadcasting on a frequency close to the one used by video recorders, requires the retuning of every recorder now in use. Channel 5 was granted its licence on condition that it undertook this massive task, affecting some 10 million households, at its own expense before transmissions began. Since the autumn, teams of engineers have been calling at homes to modify video frequency and retune satellite decoder boxes. Channel 5 insists that everything is running on schedule. It says that more than 8.5 million homes have already been serviced and that any sets still needing attention will be retuned without charge within the first three months after its launch.

The evidence from thousands of viewers belies this response. From all over the country come reports of incompetent work by mechanics who appear often to lack all the basic elements of television engineering. People have had their sets broken or been forced to call back the mechanics three or

four times. Elderly viewers have been left without television for weeks while poor workmanship has been repaired. The offer of replacement sets has been grudging, and compensation has been paid only after strenuous complaint: even then £25 has had to cover weeks of inconvenience.

The Government appears as nonchalant as Channel 5, insisting that, in the best TV tradition, it will be all right on the night. But the auguries seem so far unpromising. Those ultimately responsible, the Independent Television Commission, appear in no hurry to address the grievances: the commission's monitoring of the retuning is based on Channel 5's figures, with no attempt at independent research.

The last such nationwide adjustment of household equipment was when North Sea gas forced the modification of every gas-burning apparatus. The comparison between that streamlined operation by teams of well-trained mechanics and the botched job by television tuners hastily recruited and hastily trained is damning. Consumers, in the meantime, have been encouraged by Government to take their rights more seriously. Perhaps those who suffer repeated delay should simply take their sets to qualified engineers and send the bill to Channel 5. The new station promises to make millions for its owners. But a licence to print money is not a licence to disrupt the nation's television viewing.

DISNEY OF NOTRE DAME

Great literature sits on the shelf unless it is constantly recycled

The great-great-grandchildren of Victor Hugo are not amused. As Our Paris Correspondent reports today, their grievance is the Disneyfication of their forebear's fine works. They complain about the "scandalous and obscene commercialisation of *Le Bossu* (*The Hunchback*) of *Notre Dame*, particularly McDonald's giving away plastic "Quasimods" with hamburgers, the new happy ending for the tragic historical and the omission of the author's name from the credits and advertising.

Hugo, whose vanity was as colossal as his genius, might have agreed with their last complaint. But the shining light of *le romantisme* in all its genres might also have recognised that there is room for a different kind of romance in an animated cartoon. He would certainly not have grumbled about the increased sales of his books on the back of the film. Hugo the innovator, who reinvented the historical novel, would surely have admired the technical achievements of the film. And Hugo the citizen of the world would have avoided cultural chauvinism, and agreed that his hunchback had already been given giddy new life by such anglophone stars as Lon Chaney, Charles Laughton, and Anthony Quinn, the last with Gina Lollobrigida as an improbably well-nourished Esmeralda.

Great works of art are the heritage of the world, not of any family, cultural clique or country, not even of the author, living or dead. As such they are open to translation, vulgarisation, distortion and pillage. The

theory that there are only ten basic plots in all fiction is a simplification. But no great work has ever sprung fully formed from the genius of its creator. All have sources, as Graham Swift's *Last Orders* takes the plot of William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* and breathes a different life into it.

Shakespeare never invented a plot out of thin air, not even *The Tempest*. He reinvented *Antony and Cleopatra* from North's translation of Amyot's French version of Plutarch's *Lives*, which was itself built on previous stories. When the theatres reopened after the Puritan blackout, *Macbeth* was "refined". Scriptwriters rewrote "The devil damn thee black, thou cream-faced loon" as "Now Friend, what means this change of Countenance?" And musical numbers with singers and dancers were added to the *Witches* scenes. For a century *King Lear* was given a happy ending, in which Lear was restored to the throne.

These were not better plays, but luxuriant offshoots from a fertile source. In *Hunchback*, the source material has been subordinated to the Disney theme of tolerance for hunchbacks, gypsies and others who are different. Disney has introduced the archetypal plot of unselfish renunciation by Quasimodo. Its lovers ride off into the sunset, a theme much exploited by Dickens and westerns, but invented long before them. Some who see the film will be hooked to read the book. But, without such constant revision and pillage by succeeding generations and genres, even a great book may die.

Tunnels solution to London traffic

From the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Sir, Each political party is vying to prove its credentials by promising to spend even less on London's infrastructure. Yet the need for its maintenance, upgrading and expansion is obvious and desperate and the hidden costs of a do-nothing philosophy are enormous. Nor will some long-overdue works on the Underground (letters, February 28) solve the problems above ground.

Our Victorian ancestors had the foresight to use the "third dimension" (underground) for rail. We now need to develop a whole new underground network of expressways for vehicular traffic. In order to free our residential urban areas and shopping centres of much surface traffic and all its associated problems of noise, pollution and congestion. With such a vision, the will to make it happen will emerge.

The "London Expressways", conceived in 1990 by Dr Gabriel Khouri at Imperial College, would run in bored tunnels, linking the motorways across and around London. Underground car parks would provide access to public transport for ongoing journeys, and traffic using them would not surface in inner London.

There could be underground off-loading areas for commercial vehicles, and the newly freed areas above ground would be protected from replacement traffic through pedestrianisation schemes, bus and cycle routes, parking restrictions and improved public transport.

Both the economy and the environment would benefit hugely. The suburbs and the heart of the city would become distinct and living communities, businesses would thrive, freedom of choice would be preserved. The costs would be met largely through tolls. London and Britain would regain much of their pride.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GREEN,
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March 4.

Safeguard our seas

From the Director of the World Wide Fund for Nature, UK

Sir, During the storms of last week-end the tanker *Siro*, carrying 150,000 tons of heavy crude oil, lost power some 60 miles off the west coast of Lewis. Driven by gale-force winds, this looked set to become the third major oil tanker disaster in four years, following rapidly on the heels of the *Broer* and the *Sea Empress*. But for once luck was on the side of the environment — after drifting helplessly for some five hours, power was partly restored and a disaster averted.

Meanwhile, the Government yesterday rejected an amendment to the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill during its committee stage. This amendment called for the identification of marine environment high risk areas (Mehras) in the territorial seas around the coast of the UK. These would comprise the most important ecological areas of conservation significance, which would have special measures to safeguard their integrity from shipping activities.

The identification of key environmental sites has already been proposed by the International Maritime Organisation, and endorsed by the UK Government. It is therefore surprising and disappointing that the same Government is now opposing the inclusion of Mehra in its own national legislation.

The Government should stop playing Russian roulette with our coastal heritage and accept this amendment when the Bill reaches report stage.

Yours faithfully,
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Canteshall Lane, Godalming, Surrey,
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Prayer and politics

From Bishop Peter Selby

Sir, The Reverend Michael Windridge (letter, March 6) has reacted in a very understandable way to the misleading headline "Pray for a Labour victory, radical bishop tells voters". (March 1) In early editions over your report of my short article on prayer for the Christian Socialist Movement, I was not telling voters to pray for a Labour victory, but writing a short reflection on the nature of prayer for the members of the CSM in the context of a general election campaign.

Those who are politically active for any party and also believe in God who hears and answers prayer are likely to want to think about how to connect their praying with their political activity. Wider reflection on such matters would do much to give integrity to the practice of faith as well as raising the quality of our political life.

To assist in that is a key task of a Christian minister, and is not at all the same as using one's ecclesiastical office for party purposes, let alone believing (absurdly) that the election of one party rather than another would "automatically herald the coming of God's Kingdom".

Yours sincerely,
PETER SELBY,
Abhey House,
Palace Green, Durham,
March 3.

Costing the right to trial by jury

From Mr Neville Goldrein

Sir, When I first opened my own practice as a solicitor I appeared, as did many young advocates, in the magistrates' courts, and later I had a criminal law department which was very involved with those courts. Later again as a deputy circuit judge I tried a number of "either way" cases which could have been heard before the magistrates but where the defendants preferred, initially, trial by jury. There is no doubt that the vast majority, when they came to the Crown Courts, changed their pleas to guilty.

An important question is why. It is partly, I think, because they consider that they may have a fairer trial, or as is sometimes said, a better chance of "getting away with it", before a jury, although they realise that, if convicted, the penalty would very likely be greater. However, I have no doubt that an important ingredient is that frequently they are initially advised by their solicitor, quite rightly on the evidence and admissions, to plead guilty. They consider, though, that at the Crown Court they would be advised by a barrister whom they think would know more and be more skilled and experienced — after all he is "a barrister".

Little do they realise that the barrister dealing with the minor offence in the Crown Court is frequently very junior and nearly always less experienced than the solicitor who instructs him. But he wears robes and a wig, appears very learned, and when he endorses the solicitor's advice to plead guilty the defendant, respecting such advice from one apparently so skilled, accepts it. In addition there is the additional element of apprehension from the very atmosphere of the Crown Court.

The Home Secretary's proposals (report, February 28) would not only save cost and unnecessary use of resources, but they would assist defendants in having a quick and fair hearing, with very likely lower penalties than those which so frequently derive from the present use of the system. If dissatisfied the defendant would still have a right of appeal to the Crown Court.

I am, Sir, yours truly,
NEVILLE GOLDREIN,
Torre, St Andrew's Road,
Blundellsands, Liverpool,
March 6.

Soane neglected

From Mr R. John Shanks

Sir, Darya Alberge (report, March 5) draws attention to the vandalism of Sir John Soane's 1815 family tomb and Father Murray (letter, March 8) to the desecration of his parish church, designed by Soane, St Peter's, Walworth. The year 1815 also saw the completion of — as Soane put it — his "favourite subject", Dulwich Picture Gallery, when the bodies of the founders were moved into the mausoleum he constructed at the heart of the building.

A more insidious vandalism has been perpetrated on this masterpiece. Although it is the oldest public art gallery in England, successive governments have bizarrely refused to grant it any national funding. As a result, the plaster now buckles from the walls above the sarcophagi and condensation damages the upper paintwork.

Soane is quintessentially British. How well he understood our climate in his thoughts on light and shadow. Yet he is neglected, as a provocative survey of his work at London's Soane Museum showed last year.

The Millennium Commission will fund futuristic buildings to celebrate

From Dr Katherine J. Kaye

Sir, The benefits of the right to a jury trial do not lie only with the accused. Performance of jury duty is one of the principal ways by which ordinary citizens can participate *in personam* in the workings of the State which governs them.

Jury duty requires people to use their intelligence, their common sense, their experience, and their ability to reach an agreement to arrive at the best conclusion they can. Jurors use these individual and collective skills in a forum which gives them real, if limited, power in a society which normally restricts the exercise of power to professionals.

Jury duty also draws from a cross-section of society: people who would not necessarily meet one another any other way are brought together to exchange beliefs about the meaning of justice. In this way the social fabric is strengthened and "the reasonable man" finds a voice — however unreasonable a lawyer finds that voice to be.

The process of the jury trial, and the institution itself, are both fundamental to a healthy democracy. If jury trials are too lengthy and expensive the answer is to encourage brevity and self-denial in the legal profession.

Yours faithfully,
KATHERINE J. KAYE,
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March 3.

From Mr John Letts

Sir, It doesn't seem to be widely known that during the Second World War a seven-man jury was introduced for both the civil and criminal courts. I suggest that its introduction today would have no less an effect on the cost of justice than would the curtailing of jury trials altogether, as is proposed by Mr Michael Howard.

There are advantages to be gained (certainly in minor cases) both from ensuring an automatic majority on one side or the other and from inflicting on fewer people the time-consuming burden of jury service. And I have never heard it claimed that justice was particularly badly served during the war.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN LETTS,
The Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1,
March 4.

2000, but surely this is also the opportunity to honour a giant of our architectural past and fund the restoration of Soane's surviving works before they rot away or are further brutalised.

Yours faithfully,
R. JOHN SHANKS,
36 Egerton Gardens, SW3,
March 8.

From Mr Robin Chadder

Sir, Father Murray, of St Peter's, Walworth, writes movingly on the vandalism of his church. St Peter's is Soane's hidden London masterpiece. It has a simple yet solid elegance with the muscular entrance portico rising effortlessly to a delicate spire.

In the East End, Soane's original railings lie rusting beside his St John's Church, whose stocky tower is interestingly comparable to his mausoleum tower at Dulwich Picture Gallery, which the Trustees struggle to protect in the face of chronic under-funding.

Yours etc,
ROBIN CHADDER,
Lissington,
Busingthorpe, Lincoln,
March 8.

A test of honesty

From the Reverend Father Francis A. C. S. Bown

Sir, On January 16 I was sent a cheque for £10.99, with a covering letter from a Liverpool furnishings company apologising for the delay in supplying the "refund". As I had no recollection of any dealings with the firm in question, I returned the cheque on January 25 and asked for further explanation. None came.

Only today do I learn from an article in the *Church Times* that I have been part of a survey into the nation's honesty conducted by the *World in Action* television programme (Television review, March 4). The business in Liverpool never existed; the letter I received was bogus. Apparently, 24 other priests were sent similar letters to

see how many would cash the cheques and thus reveal themselves as "dishonest".

This behaviour by programme makers is an outrage. They are the ones who must stand condemned for dishonesty — by the use of common deceit in their attempt to entrap hard-pressed and distracted clergy. Such behaviour serves only to undermine further the level of trust in our society. A priest will now do well to doubt the face value of every letter he receives.

Are there no standards in television except those of the gutter?

Yours, In Dno,
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Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire,
March 7. ♀

'Kitchen slavery'

From Mrs Caroline Zoob

Sir, Women trapped in the kitchen (letter, March 10) should investigate the possibility of cloning my husband.

We both work full-time yet he is an avid collector of supermarket reward points, an expert sorter of the laundry, utterly possessive of the ironing and his precious apricot stuffing is beyond Delia's wildest dreams. He not only uses the dishwasher, he cleans it. Even the cat is groomed daily. The house is filled with his wonderful piano playing and this morning freshly picked flowers (grown by him) appeared on my study desk.

Yours sincerely,
CAROLINE ZOOMB,
47 Queenswood Road, SE23,
March 10.

Royal visits

From Mr Nicholas Oulton

Sir, Why is it acceptable for Prince Charles to make an official visit to Saudi Arabia (front-page photograph, March 6), a grotesque theocracy with an appalling human rights record, while it is seemingly not acceptable for him to visit Israel, a democratic state which shares our basic ethical and political values?

Yours faithfully,
NICK OULTON,
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March 6.

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A place in Britain for field sports?

From Mrs Geva Blackett

Sir, Mr Stuart Nelson's desire (letter, March 6) for more people to acknowledge the contribution made by field sports to our countryside is echoed by many here in Scotland.

If the sportsman is not allowed to subsidise the countryside by paying for field sports' management, many estates may well feel that it is not cost effective to maintain the land as it is today. Our tourist economy will suffer as tree plantations replace the stunning views that attract visitors and are so loved by inhabitants. Many birds, including pipits, dotterels (which are protected under a European directive as well as the Wildlife and Countryside Act) and woodland grouse (capercaillie and black grouse) could be lost to Scotland forever if the predators at the top of the food chain are not controlled by gamekeepers and land managers.

The average urban dweller does not comprehend just how fragile their enjoyment of this natural heritage is — or how much it costs to maintain it.

Yours sincerely,
GEVA BLACKETT,
Cunio Cottage,
Braemar, Aberdeenshire,
March 6.

From Mr Douglas Porter

Sir, In response to Mr Stuart Nelson, may I concur that it is indeed fascinating to watch a hound hunting by sight or scent as nature intended. However, when several hundred people gather at hare coursing events to watch two hounds set to run down a captive hare which has no realistic chance of escape, there is little of sport in it, nor anything of population control or conservation. There is hardly more in driving partridge or pheasant towards a killing line of braying asses with shotguns, or in a mob of red-jacketed cubs on horses urging 50 hounds after one fox.

For hunting by scent, may I suggest field sports enthusiasts support the re-introduction of wild boar in this country? Then they may go with their hound and spear (surely no sportsman would think of using a gun) to try their skill and courage against 50 stone of sharp-tusked bad temper.

Perhaps Mr Nelson could stretch his own legs as well as his greyhounds to find the hare, kill it for the good of the hare population or of the table, or because it is a pest (in this last case, do not also encourage it to breed). Then I, for one, will consider calling it sport.

Meanwhile, he should accept the just and inglorious label of "blood sports" for all pastimes in which the *sine qua non* is the demise of an animal in an unfair and unequal contest.

Yours faithfully,
D. PORTER,
21 Reepham Road,
Bawdeswell, Dereham, Norfolk.

Juvenile crime

From Mr Christopher Maguire

Sir, Jack Straw and Michael Howard vie with each other to crack down on juvenile crime (leading article, March 4). Those whose lives have been made hell for so many years will be relieved but probably also angry and cynical that it has taken an impending general election for politicians of either party to redress the liberal approach which has dominated law and order for decades.

Incidentally, I made my first confession at the age of nine as a Catholic schoolboy in the early 1950s, a precocious feat of self-examination since it now appears that I should not have been expected to tell the difference between good and evil.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE,
15 Harston Road,
Newton, Cambridge,
March 5.

One of a kind

From Mr Douglas Vernon

Sir, Speaking as an egoist of long standing, I can see no ethical reason why I should not set about cloning myself. Having never felt a desire to breed in the conventional manner I can see tremendous benefits in the production of an exact copy. Of course all who know me may not agree, but that is a problem for them.

I note, however, that Professor Peter Yates (letter, March 7) insists that members of a clone should be treated as one individual and have only one vote and one pension. Would he agree, then, that he/they should only pay one lot of taxes?

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS VERNON,
The Victorian Gallery,
40 St John's Hill,
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

High water mark

From Mr Peter Shaw

Sir, I have received from North West Water Ltd, a booklet entitled *Everything you expect and more*. How true — my bill has risen by twice the rate of inflation since last year.

Yours faithfully,
PETER SHAW,
48 Culcheth Hall Drive,
Culcheth, Cheshire,
March 7.

Ravanelli creates promotion opportunity in Sussex



FABRIZIO RAVANELLI, the Middlesbrough forward, was the man to have in your Interactive Team Football side this week. Four goals in the past seven days — three against Derby County in midweek and one more against the same team on Saturday — gave the Italian a 15-point tally.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the weekly winner had selected Ravanelli. Mr M. Evershed, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, scored 54 points with Rother Ramblers S, and wins £250. In the overall competition, Mr G. Foster retains his lead, while John Hunt slips to fifth place.

It was also a good week for ITF selectors with Leicester City defenders; Keller, the goalkeeper, scored ten points, while Grayson, Elliott and Walsh all scored eight.

Mr Evershed's team is:

Goalkeeper
S Ogrizovic (Coventry)

Full backs
S I Bjornebye (Liverpool)
C Cunningham (Wimbledon)

Central defenders
S Marshall (Arsenal)
R Shaw (Coventry)

Midfield players
R Di Matteo (Chelsea)
D Lennon (Raith)
J Phillips (Motherwell)
J Winters (Dundee United)

Strikers
E Ekoku (Wimbledon)
F Ravanelli (Middlesbrough)

Manager
A Wenger (Arsenal)



On the way up: MacKay celebrates his goal for Celtic on Thursday. Can you afford to leave the defender out?



If your team could be doing better, with players injured or drastically short of form, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows

you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 886 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.

HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tarravet Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

POINTS SCORED		
Goalkeeper	4pts	Striker
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Saves goal
Saves goal	1pt	All players
Saves penalty	1pt	Apparatus
Full back/Central defender	3pts	Saves hat-trick
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager
Saves goal	1pt	Team wins
Midfield player	1pt	Team draws
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	
Saves goal	1pt	

POINTS DEDUCTED		
Goalkeeper	2pts	Booked
Concedes goal	1pt	Concedes penalty
Full back/Central defender	1pt	Misses penalty
Concedes goal	1pt	Saves own goal
All players	3pts	Manager
Sent off	1pt	Team losses
* must have played for 75 minutes in the match		
* must have played for 48 minutes in the match		

ENTER A NEW TEAM TODAY

THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community — as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone).
2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
3. Do not spend more than £35 million.
4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
 - a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
 - b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.
 - c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 886 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selection PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Player out		Player code	
Club			
Player in			
Club			

THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

IN	OUT	LOANED PLAYERS
52809 Michael Evans Southampton £0.75m	12203 Tommy Wright Nottingham Forest £0.75m	S. Maudon (West Ham to Reading, one week); V. Barmen (Arsenal to Wolverhampton, two weeks); A. Miller (Middlesbrough to West Bromwich, two weeks); P. Evans (Leeds to Bradford, three weeks); J. Lee (Nottingham Forest to Charlton, one month)

Loan periods subject to fluctuation

THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Sophie And Sam	(G. Foster)	881	112	NST Monkstone	(J. Staszewicz)	588	217	Top Banana	(M. Bottomley)	544
2	Nobby 4	(J. Brown)	864	113	Skyforest	(A. Burton)	588	218	Powerage	(I. Doughty)	544
3	James Boys Three	(M. Jones)	845	114	Murray's Mates	(D. Anderson)	585	219	Papadopoulos Utd	(A. Papadopoulos)	543
4	Nobby	(J. Brown)	845	115	Shot On Sight 2	(M. Ward)	585	220	Shot On Sight 2	(P. Goldsborough)	543
5	John Hunt Taunton D	(J. Hunt)	844	116	Mars FC	(M. Baber)	585	221	Hisham's Haggie	(I. Pigeon)	543
6	John Hunt Taunton H	(J. Hunt)	840	117	Come On You Rocks	(N. Ratcliffe)	584	222	Ebbey's 1st XI	(S. Badcock)	543
7	All 4	(A. Boyland)	839	118	Neil Madrid	(G. Davidson)	583	223	Langsley Lions	(L. Horne)	543
8	Edmo Utd	(D. Edmondson)	837	119	Yaboyair	(R. Calder)	583	224	Langsley Lions	(N. Finch)	543
9	John Hunt Taunton G	(J. Hunt)	837	120	John's Boys 5	(K. Hughes)	583	225	Lynne's Ladies	(L. Horne)	543
10	Turner's Earners 5	(P. Turner)	835	121	AJH	(D. Ingham)	583	226	Dundela Solihams	(V. Cox)	543
11	Brampton Celtic	(P. McGivern)	829	122	City Free Zone	(D. Santon)	583	227	Ara	(T. Mills)	543
12	Pin Ups Two	(P. Tuelor)	828	123	DJS 2	(M. MacMillan)	582	228	Bob Hope And No Hope	(T. Blythe)	543
13	Nobby 32	(J. Brown)	828	124	Langston Longballs	(M. Ward)	582	229	Buchan's	(R. Kearns)	543
14	Nobby 11	(J. Brown)	825	125	Sam Chamber	(E. Kibby)	581	230	Lloyd's Borge	(D. Goodwin)	542
15	Nobby 39	(J. Brown)	824	126	Totted Five	(J. Taylor)	581	231	Glen Duffers	(S. Wilson)	542
16	John Hunt Taunton F	(J. Hunt)	823	127	Subsups	(L. Clark)	580	232	Caught Lucky	(C. Wright)	541
17	Nobby 28	(J. Brown)	822	128	Animals	(J. Fyfe)	580	233	Mmm Fantasy League	(M. Madden)	541
18	Daggers	(V. Cox)	822	129	Caroline C	(S. A. Luckhurst)	580	234	Football Junkies	(J. Melling)	541
19	Bram's Team	(R. Howes)	821	130	Botak United 1	(J. Pull)	580	235	Dodd's Aces	(C. Dodd)	541
20	Bob's Boys 2	(R. Calder)	821	131	Def Con 3	(M. Peck)	580	236	D. A. Sutton	(D. A. Sutton)	541
21	Nobby 21	(J. Brown)	819	132	Orvieto Classico	(J. Bradshaw)	580	237	The Loggers	(C. Wright)	540
22	Jabberwocky	(P. A. Amos)	817	133	Parr Academicals	(A. Kiewwood)	580	238	Said & Grim Team	(J. Swain)	540
23	Nobocallan AFC 3	(R. J. Ward)	817	134	Infinity George	(M. Robson)	580	239	Grafton Willows	(R. J. Brown)	540
24	Turner's Earners 3	(P. Turner)	816	135	Enid 2	(J. Hagger)	580	240	Veit	(K. Howson)	540
25	Nobby 22	(J. Brown)	816	136	Roberts Team 1	(J. Roberts)	580	241	Patel One	(P. Patel)	540
26	John Hunt Taunton C	(J. Hunt)	814	137	John Hunt Taunton B	(J. Hunt)	580	242	St Barths	(J. M. Bartholomew)	539
27	Nobby 23	(J. Brown)	811	138	The Dummies 1	(D. Shields)	580	243	Bumble Villa	(R. Brose)	539
28	Turner's Earners 1	(P. Turner)	809	139	Alancia FC	(A. Sillano)	580	244	Kicking Arsenal	(David Swinburne)	539
29	Bladunners	(P. Walters)	805	140	Crookley Boys	(R. Crook)	580	245	DRS Select XI 2	(P. Preston)	539
30	Turner's Earners 6	(P. Turner)	804	141	Old Cameronians	(R. J. Brown)	580	246	C	(P. Poole)	539
31	Nobby 5	(J. Brown)	804	142	I Hate Alan Hansen	(V. Cox)	580	247	Davies Utd	(P. Mills)	538
32	Nobby 25	(J. Brown)	802	143	John Hunt Taunton A	(J. Hunt)	580	248	Hannay's Heroes	(D. Sloan)	538
33	Nobby 12	(D. Cook)	802	144	The Instructors	(K. Currier)	580	249	Chalmers Club 95	(C. Scarlett)	538
34	James Boys Sky	(M. Jones)	801	145	Mistils	(R. Flower)	580	250	Excellibur	(M. Tupper)	538
35	Partick Biliun 3	(J. Hamilton)	800	146	Inter The Net	(S. Shankar)	580	251	Peatree Team 1	(S. Parnham)	538
36	Where's Ray Gone?	(J. Brown)	800	147	Demolition Men	(G. Weiss)	580	252	Charlie's Angels	(C. J. Yates)	538
37	Nobby 7	(J. Brown)	800	148	CUOK	(S. Shankar)	580	253	Sally In A Tieses	(J. James)	538
38	Teddy Three	(C. Hunter)	800	149	S GRI Taunton A	(D. Edbrookestainer)	580	254	ELK's Unleashed	(E. J. Kitchen)	537
39	Hunter's Mob	(G. P. Dolan)	800	150	Inter Outers	(R. Johnson)	580	255	Always Portugal 4	(V. Guimaraes)	537
40	John Hunt Taunton E	(J. Hunt)	800	151	LFC Champs 96-97	(B. Fazakerley)	580	256	Graham's Bungers	(G. Watson)	537
41	Our Rangers 3	(J. Clayton)	800	152	Dave's First XI	(D. Quibell)	580	257	Bunnet Bhoys	(A. Sharpe)	537
42	Nobby 20	(J. Brown)	800	153	No Midfield	(J. B. Portwood)	580	258	Skyline Stagers	(T. Gordon)	537
43	Nobby 14	(J. Brown)	800	154	Cookie's Gunners	(A. Luckhurst)	580	259	Kingsbury Tn 1	(D. F. King)	537
44	Set Against Oys	(S. Shipley)	800	155	Caroline A	(E. O'Gorman)	580	260	Northern Lights	(C. Wright)	537
45	Storm	(P. Mills)	800	156	Rock Bottom	(M. Kiriwood)	580	261	Oct95-ITF Champ	(M. Sladden)	537
46	Tulip's Tops	(R. Galt)	800	157	Wentworth FC	(M. Fox)	580	262	Nellie's Heroes	(I. Fox)	537
47	Raj Is Back To Kill 5	(R. Galt)	800	158	Foxy	(J. Robuck)	580	263	Shin City	(I. Doughty)	537
48	James Boys One	(M. L. Jones)	800	159	Le Bouefesters	(K. Brown)	580	264	Lewis Boys A	(D. Lewis)	537
49	Uni Boys Utd 1	(R. Gardiner)	800	160	Rugby Navvies	(D. Banks)	580	265	Stuck Attack	(R. Shackleton)	537
50	Turner's Earners 4	(P. Turner)	800	161	Doppelgangerout	(M. Jackson)	580	266	Bob's Boys 6	(T. Mullock)	537
51	JLB Sports	(A. Bates)	800	162	Xpat Missiles	(K. Howson)	580	267	What Ford Splash	(R. Lewis)	537
52	Joking	(P. Follen)	800	163	Triple Top Tan	(P. Bailey)	580	268	Basel Defence	(J. Pregon)	537
53	Tur	(P. Turner)	800	164	Lesley's Legmen	(M. Woodley)	580	269	Russ's Sexy Eleven	(T. Eden)	537
54	BCFC 1996	(J. Dillwell)	800	165	Beccard Boys	(K. Brown)	580	270	Tom's Tigers XI	(J. Mooney)	537
55	Inter The Stars	(M. L. Jones)	800	166	4 2	(A. Ibbot)	580	271	Ryding Rink	(J. Macmillan)	537
56	Team C	(A. Lane)	800	167	Paradise Eagles	(S. Houghton)	580	272	Diplomatic Risk	(A. du Gay)	537
57	Nobby 1	(J. Brown)	800	168	Scoty's Puppets II	(E. Cowen)	580	273	The Great Dane	(G. Ryan)	537
58	Caroline B	(A. Luckhurst)	800	169	Scoty's Puppets I	(D. Blair)	580	274	JS August Monthly 1	(K. Booth)	537
59	Irwin's Best	(L. Sampson)	800	170	Back In Bristol	(J. Dwyer)	580	275	Beck In Bristol	(D. Stone)	537
60	Bladun United	(R. Leader)	800	171	Orbita Flowers	(G. Watson)	580	276	Orbita Flowers	(G. Thomas)	537
61	You're Not Very Well	(R. Laskowicz)	800	172	Rama 2 Slaughter	(J. Staszewicz)	580	277	Dynamo Hibs	(S. Miller)	537
62	Thom Foolery FC	(M. Moran)	800	173	Bud Star Belgravia		580				
63	Bob's Boys 4	(R. Calder)	800								
64	Nobby 24	(J. Brown)	800								
65	Solihams For Goals	(K. Booth)	800								
66	ABC	(M. Baber)	800								

FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



Call the ITF checkline on
0891 884 643
Outside UK: 44 990 100 343

Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a * and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selection PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
67	A2	(K. Farhall)	583
68	Glanthorpe Seasham	(I. Doughty)	583
69	Krystonville 2	(S. Roberts)	582
70	A	(M. Connes)	581
71	Inter The Pub	(A. Lane)	580
72	Always Portugal 1	(V. Guimaraes)	580
73	Agapanthus FC	(W. Heslop)	580
74	Gemshill	(R. Flower)	580
75	Bad Time Boys	(R. Crook)	580
76	Brainbow United	(G. Weiss)	580
77	Bonky Boys	(R. Crook)	580
78	Mean Machine	(P. Ford)	577
79	Club 19-30 Tosses	(A. Robson)	577
80	Born Losers	(P. Larkombe)	576

The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

GOALKEEPERS

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-11	
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14	
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	5.00	0	+33	
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	+0	
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1	
10301	M Bosnich	Aston Villa	1.50	-1	+14	
10401	T Flowers	Aston Villa	1.00	0	-19	
10402	S Givens	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+7	
10501	G Marshall	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4	
10502	S Kerr	Blackburn Rovers	3.50	0	-1	
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	3.00	+5	+36	
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10	
10803	F Grodas	Chelsea	2.00	0	-27	
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	3.00	-2	-1	
10702	J Pien	Coventry City	1.50	+4	-19	
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	-3	-3	
10901	R Hout	Derby County	1.00	-11	-34	
10902	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4	
11001	I Westwater	Dundee United	0.50	0	-10	
11101	N Southall	Dunfermline	0.50	-1	-8	
11103	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	-4	-29	
11201	G Rousset	Everton	2.50	0	-17	
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	+5	+25	
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	-43	
11501	M Beenev	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5	
11502	R Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	-7	
11503	R Martin	Leeds United	2.50	+5	+29	
11601	K Poole	Leeds United	1.00	0	-7	
11803	K Keller	Leeds United	1.00	0	-14	
11701	D James	Liverpool	1.00	+10	+32	
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	-0	
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	0	+2	
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5	
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20	
11902	A Fittler	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23	
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23	
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	+5	+3	
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	-7	-29	
12101	S Heston	Newcastle United	4.00	0	-11	
12102	P Smith	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0	
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-8	-40	
12202	A Fittler	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	-2	
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	+5	
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-3	-32	
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	-3	-32	
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+2	+11	
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0	
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28	
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2	
12603	M Taylor	Southampton	1.00	-3	0	
12702	N Wright	Sunderland	0.50	-8	-26	
12801	A Coton	Sunderland	1.00	0	+9	
12802	E Baardson	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0	
12901	L Mikosko	West Ham United	0.50	0	-27	
12902	S Maunton	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5	
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	+5	+12	
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	-1	



Bergkamp scores his second goal against Nottingham Forest. Five more ITF points for the Arsenal forward

CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
30304	C Tiller	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+19	
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+24	
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+34	
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0	
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3	
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+2	
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+31	
30502	M Mackay	Celtic	1.50	0	+40	
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	+3	+20	
30504	B O'Neill	Celtic	3.00	0	+2	
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	+3	+6	
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1	
30602	F Laboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+4	+29	
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3	
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	1.50	0	+2	
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	-1	+9	
30701	L Daltch	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5	
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+11	
30703	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+4	
30704	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+2	
30801	D Staines	Derby County	2.50	-6	-10	
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0	
30903	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	-5	+1	
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31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-17	
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31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	+7	
31201	D McPherson	Hearts	1.00	0	+9	
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31505	R Molenaar	Leeds United	2.00	+7	+22	
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31605	M Elliott	Leicester City	1.50	+8	+12	
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31802	D May	Manchester United	3.00	-1	+27	
31803	J Johnsen	Manchester United	2.50	-1	+23	
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32103	D Peacock	Newcastle United	3.00	0	+16	
32201	C Cooper	Nottingham Forest	3.00	-4	+7	
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MIDFIELD PLAYERS

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
40101	D Windass	Aberdeen	3.00	0	+32	
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40302	A Townsend	Aston Villa	2.50	+1	+43	
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40401	J Wilcox	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+4	+35	
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40403	G Filicov	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+19	
40404	W McKinlay	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-12	
40405	T Sherwood	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	+1	+40	
40406	P Warhurst	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+4	

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Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
40407	G Donis	Blackburn Rovers	1.50	0	+18	
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40503	S Donnelly	Celtic	2.50	0	+26	
40504	P Grant	Celtic	1.50	+2	+25	
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40506	D Hannah	Celtic	1.50	0	+9	
40507	P O'Donnell	Celtic	2.50	+2	+2	
40601	R Gullit	Chelsea	3.50	0	+9	
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41108	C Thomas	Everton	2.00	+2	+8	
41205	A McManus	Hearts	1.00	+0	+27	
41301	J Lushkin	Hibernian	1.50	0	+7	
41302	P McGinlay	Hibernian	1.50	+2	+30	
41303	G Love	Hibernian	0.75	0	+9	
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41503	A Gray	Leeds United	2.50	0	+1	
41504	C Palmer	Leeds United	2.00	+1	+25	
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41908	B Robson	Middlesbrough	0.50	0	+1	
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42005	S Vallikari	Motherwell	3.00	+1	+3	
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42403	S McCall	Rangers	2.00	0	+9	
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42501	R Blnker	Sheffield Wednesday	2.50	+3	+15	
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42607	M Oakley	Southampton	0.50	+2	+22	
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42609	M Robinson	Southampton	0.25	0	+6	

Loan reply from First National

The finance director of First National, the Irish Republic's largest building society, has denied that it has relaxed its lending criteria to take advantage of current buoyancy in the housing market.

Tony Shanahan was responding to a warning by Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Finance, to institutions in the Republic to be prudent in lending at a time of double-digit inflation in the Irish house market.

First National, which yesterday again denied that it plans to go public, reported 1996 pre-tax profits of £128 million, up 17 per cent. Gross new lending rose by 88 per cent, to £1580 million, with Ireland accounting for £1431 million and UK operations accounting for £149 million.

First National last year acquired The Mortgage Corporation in Britain.

Ipeco offer

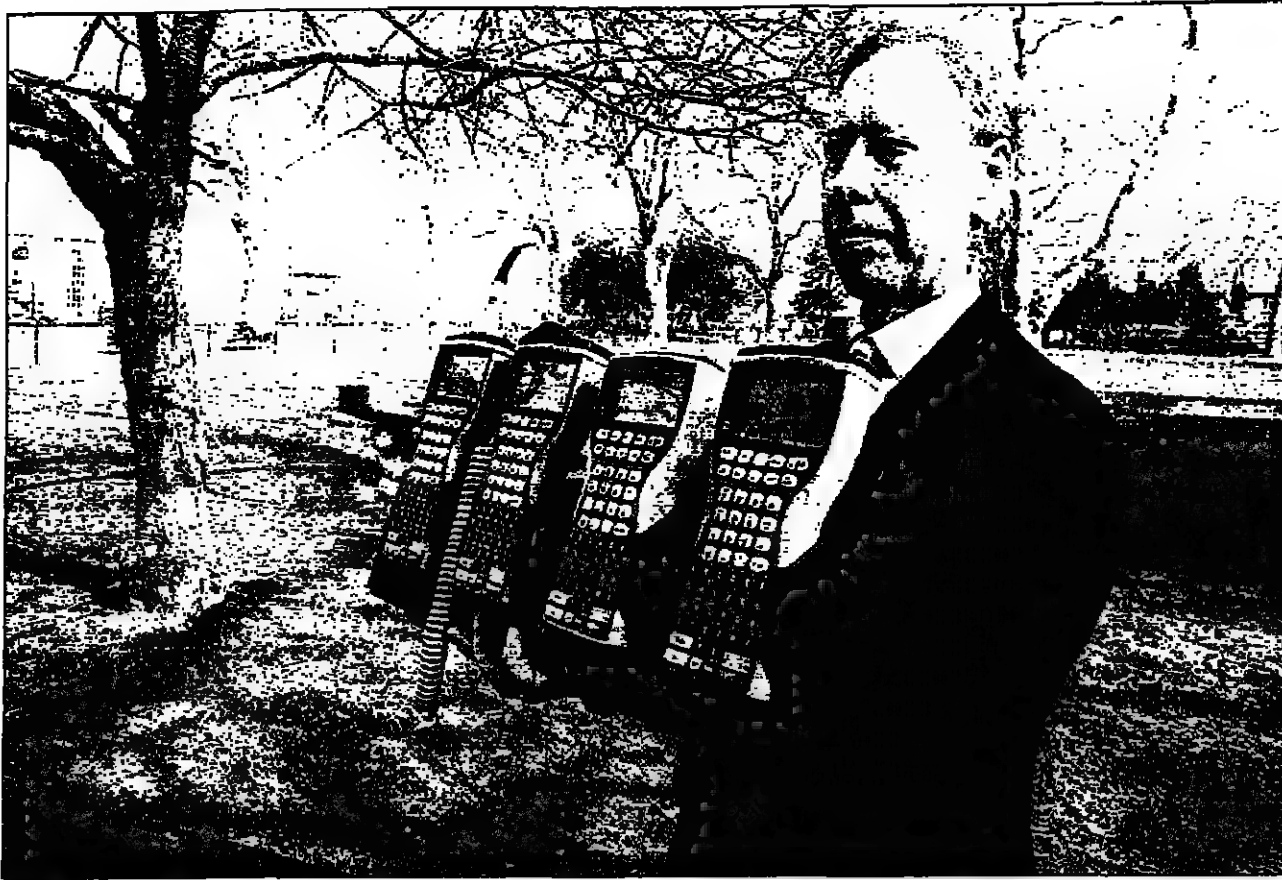
Chris Johnson, chairman of Ipeco, the engineering company, has offered 90p a share for the 32 per cent not owned by him and family interests, valuing the issued share capital at £24.9 million. Shareholders would receive a 2.3p final dividend for 1996. The shares rose 10p, to 87½p.

Insurer up

Domestic & General, the home appliance breakdown insurer, lifted pre-tax profits 9.4 per cent, to £5.9 million, in the half year to December 31. Turnover was £42.2 million, up 16 per cent. The interim dividend is 14.5p, up from 12.25p.

Holiday role

Ian Clubb, executive deputy chairman of First Choice Holidays, is to become executive chairman on the retirement of Michael Julien from the board at the end of July.



David Potter, chairman of Psion, displaying some of the company's hand-held computers for industrial use yesterday

Slimmed-down Laporte set to make acquisitions

By PAUL DURMAN

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group, said yesterday that it was ready to make acquisitions as it gave an update on last year's shake-up of its businesses.

Since Jim Leng took over as chief executive in October 1995, Laporte has cut employee numbers from about 7,600 to 5,500, and reduced the number of operating units by one third. This included December's £110 million sale of the European adhesives and sealants business, among them Evode, which helped Laporte to finish 1996 with net cash of £13m, wiping out the £180 million of borrowings that it had a year earlier.

Mr Leng said that Laporte had plenty of investment

ideas, and its acquisition ambitions are not restricted to small bolt-on deals, such as last month's purchase of Apex Lithography Services in the US. He said: "If we can find something larger, which will enhance value, we will do that as well. We have got the managerial resource and balance-sheet resource to do so."

Laporte said that potential buyers have expressed interest in its remaining adhesives businesses in the US and Italy. Jeremy Chantry, analyst at Kleinwort Benson, suggested that the US business could fetch £60 million.

Laporte was reporting annual pre-tax profits of £78.7 million, recovering from a depressed £24.5 million in

1995. Ignoring restructuring costs, profits rose by 12 per cent, to £127 million. Sales of the continuing businesses rose by 11 per cent, to £918 million, and margins improved from 11.8 to 12.9 per cent.

The group will pay a higher final dividend of 15.75p on May 29, increasing the total for the year by 5.4 per cent to 24.25p a share.

Mr Leng said that efforts to cut costs and to refocus the group on growing markets was beginning to show through in Laporte's performance. However, he gave a warning that "a strong pound and competitive market conditions will make for a challenging backdrop for the current year". He went on: "We do not

expect that the general economic conditions for 1997 will offer any significant improvement from those experienced in 1996. We can, however, see some modest benefit from our businesses serving the bulk polymer industry where customer destocking has now largely come to an end. We expect that raw material costs will generally be stable."

The best-performing division was compounds and electronic materials, which supplies the silicon chip industry and other high-technology industries. Operating profits rose by 42 per cent, to £41.1 million, making it the group's largest business.

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Shares in Psion slip as pound takes toll

By JON ASHWORTH

SHARES in Psion, the hand-held computer manufacturer, slid sharply yesterday on a warning that the strong pound is biting into margins. The shares fell 33p, to 400p, before recovering some ground to close at 407p.

The company, announcing upbeat final results, admitted that sterling is taking its toll, but said sales so far are well up on 1996. Psion sells about half its products overseas. Strong growth was seen in France, Germany, The Netherlands and Scandinavia. The company continues to struggle in America, where it lacks market presence and recently installed a new management team, but trading is showing an improvement.

Pre-tax profits rose 38 per cent, to £16.04 million (£11.65 million), on turnover of £124.2 million (£90.6 million). The profits would have been higher but for £1.52 million in professional fees linked to the possible acquisition of Amstrad, taken as an exceptional item. Earnings per share were 14.57p (10.75p). A final dividend of 1.6p (1.17p) a share makes a total of 2.25p (1.67p) a share for the year.

David Potter, chairman, said Psion was entering a period of change and transition in which he expected to benefit from new technology and new markets. "Psion's business is about development and change," he said.

Psion's palmtop computers, including the Series 3c, had a good year, with sales rising 41 per cent, to £81.64 million (£57.76 million). Prudential has equipped 7,000 members of its sales force with Series 3c palmtops. The Sierra was launched last September and took £8.5 million in the first four months. Data communication sales, principally of modems, rose 51 per cent, to £22.5 million (£14.87 million), and represented 18 per cent of group sales.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Hostile Lanica bid ruled out by CWS

CWS, Britain's largest co-operative retailer, dismissed speculation that Lanica Trust, the investment vehicle of Andrew Regan, would be able to launch a hostile bid for part of its business. "The board has total authority and has made clear that it has no wish to sell any of the CWS businesses," a spokesman said. He said that Mr Regan had not been in touch with the board, and it has no wish to hear from him.

Weekend reports suggested Lanica planned to appeal directly to individual co-op members, offering financial incentives. Lanica, through a shell company named Galileo, would attempt to raise up to £500 million to buy much of the non-food retailing business, which includes the funerals business and the Co-operative Bank. But the CWS emphasised that it is the CRS, the other leading Co-op retailer, are not mutuals. They are more like perpetual trusts in which the elected boards have total power and in which it would be difficult to unseat the board. Lanica was unavailable for comment.

Spirax-Sarco held back

THE strong pound cost Spirax-Sarco Engineering, the steam equipment specialist, £6 million in the second half of last year, holding back pre-tax growth to 9 per cent at £47.1 million. The company, which generates three quarters of its profits from overseas, said UK businesses performed well over the year as margins gained 0.2 points to 17.7 per cent. Earnings rose to 38p a share (33.8p). A final dividend of 10.3p, due on May 19, lifts the total to 14.8p (13.2p).

Koei seeks liquidation

KOEI CORP, a Japanese loan company, filed for court-protected liquidation with debts of more than 260 billion yen (about £1.25 billion). The collapse, in debt terms, is the biggest so far this year in Japan. Koei is an unlisted loan company involved in real estate-related lending. Koei buckled under the weight of debts resulting from aggressive lending in the 1980s, a period of soaring asset prices and unbridled consumption.

Waterstone's record

WATERSTONE'S, the booksellers, is to open its biggest United Kingdom store in Glasgow. The five storey, 28,000 sq ft shop will also be the largest bookstore to open in Britain in the last 50 years. It will be sited in Sauchiehall Street near the massive Buchanan Galleries shopping centre, currently under construction. The store will feature a glass lift, cloakrooms, an Internet access area and a cafe lounge.

Polypipe pulls ahead

POLYPIPE, the building materials company, lifted pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £11.3 million in the first half. It said that a switch from glass to plastic windows gathered pace over the last six months of 1996, with sales increasing 30 per cent. However, profits from its pipes and fittings arm eased 2 per cent. The company said that market conditions for the pipes were still uncertain. Earnings were 4.65p a share (4.06p). The interim dividend is 0.92p a share (0.83p), payable on April 30.

Treats sees £1m fall

TREATS GROUP, the frozen confectionery producer, has reported a £1 million drop in profits last year. In the 12 months to December 31, pre-tax profits fell from £2.45 million to £1.42 million. The company, which was floated last June, blamed the poor summer, increased cold-storage costs and heavy start-up costs of new machinery. Earnings per share of 8.8p (pre-forma 16.8p) give a maiden full-year dividend of 3p (pre-forma 2.6p). The final dividend of 1.5p is payable on May 1.

Sanderson Bramall up

SALES of luxury cars helped Sanderson Bramall, the fast-growing motor dealer, to achieve record pre-tax profits of £12.3 million last year, up from £9.3 million, in spite of a downturn in the truck market. New car sales rose by 14 per cent, to 18,800, beating 4 per cent growth in the market overall. Heavy-vehicle sales fell by 8.2 per cent. The dividend rises by 30 per cent, to 4.8p, with a final 3.2p due on May 1. The shares at a 308p high six months ago, rose 1½p to 257½p yesterday.

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Summary results for the year to 31 December 1996

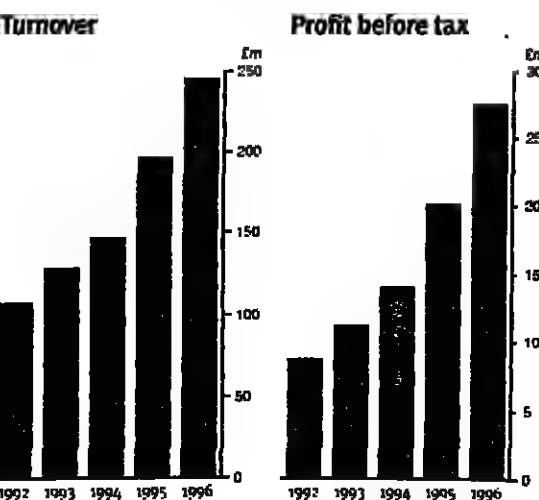
	1996	1995*	Increase
Turnover	£245.2m	£196.5m	25%
Operating profit	£26.9m	£19.7m	36%
Profit before tax	£27.5m	£20.1m	37%
Profit after tax	£17.1m	£12.5m	37%
Earnings per share	27.4p	21.0p	30%
Final dividend	4.0p	3.2p	25%

(payable on 20 May 1997 to all shareholders on the register on 18 April 1997. Ex-dividend date is 14 April 1997.)

*1995 figures exclude flotation expenses

Highlights

- Group operating margin up from 10% to 15%
- Operating profits in the UK increase by 65%
- Substantial organic turnover and profit growth in The Netherlands
- Staff numbers rise 30% to exceed 3,500 at year end



Commenting on the outlook for the year ahead, CMG Chairman, Cor Stutterheim said, "The year has started well and we expect 1997 to be a year of further good growth for CMG. In The Netherlands, we aim to continue growing faster than the market and to maintain our margins in the 14% to 16% range. In the UK, we are aiming for continued growth in turnover and profit, while at the same time budgeting for a considerable investment in our banking and insurance software products to keep them ahead of the competition and to open up new markets in Europe. In Germany, we have restructured our operations and expect an improved performance in the coming year. The overall effect will be for the Group to show further good profitable growth in 1997, even though we publish our accounts in Sterling, which is currently much stronger than in 1996."

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Energy Group buys US power trader

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE ENERGY GROUP, the demerged Hanson offshoot that owns Eastern, the UK electricity generator and distributor, has bought a major power broker in the US.

It is to pay up to £75 million for Citizens Lehman Power, one of the top five power traders in the deregulating US market. The Energy Group, which has 60 per cent of its assets in the UK, said that the purchase was the first step towards becoming a fully integrated power business in the US, where it already owns Peabody Coal.

The company believes it can bring energy trading expertise from Eastern Group, which bought power stations from National Power and PowerGen, to its new US business.

The Energy Group is to pay an initial consideration of £12.5 million for Citizens Lehman Power, which was formed three years ago, with a payment equivalent to the business's net assets at the end of June deferred until March 2000. Additional payments may be made, linked to profit goals, with a maximum payment possible of £75 million.

Pilot goes to Scottish Value

COLIN McLEAN, head of Scottish Value Management, has won control of Pilot Investment Trust (Gavin Lumsden writes). SBC Warburg declared the £47.9 million offer by SVM's Undervalued Assets Trust unconditional after it gained the support of 51.6 per cent of ordinary shareholders and 42.3 per cent of warrant holders last Friday.

SVM has replaced Rutherford Asset Management as the fund's manager and John Lloyd, UAT director, has replaced the Pilot directors.

Pilot's net asset value of £53 million has risen by only 17 per cent in four years. UAT plans to pay a special dividend to Pilot shareholders.

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	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.14	1.98
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Belgium Fr	59.25	54.99
Canada \$	2.303	2.143
Cyprus Cyp£	0.848	0.793
Denmark Kr	10.99	10.19
Finland Mk	8.75	8.10
France Fr	9.82	8.97
Germany Dm	5.89	5.81
Greece Dr	447	421
Hong Kong \$	13.59	12.58
Iceland Kr	120	100
Ireland P	1.08	1.00
Israel Sh	5.89	5.04
Italy Lira	2850	2675
Japan Yen	809.10	193.10
Malta M	0.655	0.601
Netherlands Gld	3.228	2.996
New Zealand \$	2.35	2.21
Norway Kr	13.59	10.79
Portugal Esc	286.00	267.50
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Switzerland Fr	2.49	2.31
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□ Spreading responsibility for City scandal □ When the conglomerate cap fits □ Inadequate fines on SW Trains

The buck stops at the top

THE IMPOSING Rosalind Wright had a busy day yesterday. She had to dash from a Securities and Futures Authority board meeting to the Serious Fraud Office, to answer questions about her new role as chief investigator there. For those who have difficulty distinguishing between all these similarly named regulators, the SFA is the one that catches City operators up to no good and fines them. The SFO is the one that fails to achieve convictions.

With SFA penalties the rule is, the larger the fine, the less effective the fine. So Hole-in-the-Wall Brokers is hit with £750,000, and goes under. Megabank Corporation is fined the same, and the sum barely tracks on its internal accounts.

The main item on the agenda at the SFA was how far up the firm responsibility goes. The Securities and Investments Board, the chief regulator, is looking at the same thing. This is of abiding fascination in the week the NatWest decides how many will have to carry the can, apparently for the activities of one trader. The signs are the fall-out will be widespread, and a good thing too. This offers one way out of the bonus maze the City has worked its way into.

The problem with rogue traders is that, unless there is clear dishonesty, the employer's only

sanction is the sack. A dealer in a hole has every reason to keep digging. Employers who virtuously hold back from linking performance to huge bonuses will simply be priced out of the market. The big hitters on the dealing floor will go elsewhere, and if they foul up then move on again — the man at the centre of the NatWest affair seems to have had no difficulty finding employment. Firms playing the bonus game merely gamble that one of their employees does not turn out to be a rogue player. It is a risk most are prepared to take.

But import here an idea from the criminal law, of strict liability. Some crimes, such as traffic offences, do not require proof that they were intended. Apply this to the supervisors; if there was wrong-doing in their department, they cannot plead ignorance; they take the rap, along with the underlings. Extend it further, to compliance officers. Firms would still have to find them, but their pay and abilities would have to be sufficient to attract the right calibre of people for the job, rather than passed-over deadbeats paid a pittance.

It used to be done this way; remember Blue Arrow, when all those high-fliers lost their jobs because if they did not know, they should have? It might seem harsh, but there is nothing like the knowledge that your subordinate's failings might cost you your job to encourage strict supervision, and ensure bonuses are genuinely earned.

As the situation stands, some scandals risk being thrown to the SFO for a bungled prosecution because there is nothing between a prosecution and a polite let-off by the regulator. So we could even save Ms Wright, in her new role, a bit of work.

Fashion-shunning Wassall looks fine

A CLUTCH of business consultants have just produced a hit list of companies that deserve to be demerged or otherwise disintegrated, under the arresting title *When Large Companies are Worth More Dead than Alive*. Of Britain's Top 50 companies, they say, 60 per cent should be considering dis-

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mantling themselves before someone else does it for them.

Ho hum. The demerger bug has been around for most of the 1990s, helped by the success of the ICI-Zeneca split. However, the virus has taken a beating from disappointments such as Hanson and the dismal showing of Thorn shares of late. Plus, demerger has achieved the status of received wisdom, the stage at which it should be most rigorously challenged, because it is when fashion trends are at their most widespread that they are next for the scrapheap.

Flying the flag for conglomerates during the wilderness years has been Wassall, a business run by ex-Hanson executives that yesterday came in

with a convincing justification for its deep unfashionability. Wassall has turned \$270 million of its shareholders' money into \$750 million in three years, while taking out \$100 million in dividends, by buying an underperforming cable manufacturer and buffing it up for the market. This is where Chris Miller, Wassall's chief executive, runs ahead of the rest of the conglomerates pack. The aim is "increasing value for its shareholders, not the creation of an ever larger business portfolio". This investment trust approach requires the discipline to sell when market conditions allow, and the skill to pick up underperforming assets on a regular basis.

Miller and his team have managed it for a decade now. It sounds like Maoist-style "permanent revolution": Miller prefers to talk of two steps forward and then one step back. He can afford to pay as much as £300 million on the next deal without troubling shareholders. Wassall shares, held last year by misplaced fears over copper prices, have been shooting ahead since, but a forward

price/earnings multiple of 15 for this year if you keep General Cable in suggests that they have further to go.

Time for Oprafr to take a rap

BEFORE they are granted their franchises, commercial television companies have to make all sorts of promises about quality to the Independent Television Commission. These may be highly subjective — and spare a brief thought for the ITC minion required to quality-test Carlton — but they are at least checked. Scrap all that worthy, boring stuff in favour of US cop shows, and you will be punished — the ITC has fined Granada £500,000, for example, for refusing to heed criticism over product plugging. A defaulting broadcaster can theoretically be thrown off the job.

A pity our journeys to work are seen as less worthy of rigorous policing than the contents of the idiot box. The disgraceful cynicism of Stagecoach, which runs South West Trains, is matched

by the pathetic response from the rail regulator. Fines for months of disruption will be negligible — at most, rather less than Granada suffered. Worse, Stagecoach has been playing the rulebook lawyer and concentrating the cancellations on off-peak or short-distance trains, which attract smaller fines.

Clearly the structure of fines set up for the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising is inadequate — except that Oprafr is refusing to discuss that structure. Now Brian Cox, managing director of South West Trains, has been called before the Commons Select Committee on Transport. He should swiftly be followed by John O'Brien, the supreme head of Oprafr, to explain whether he has inadequate authority to do his job — or whether he is simply not prepared to.

Nomura uno

FANS of City self-regulation might cast a weary eye over the latest drama in Tokyo. Nomura has been forced into a round of corporate penitence over dodgy share dealing. But even the final sanction, a suspension of own-account deals, will not be enough to knock the broker off the top slot in the Japanese market, because its sheer size acts as a magnet for business. So Nomura has become too big to regulate.

Stagecoach to open new routes

Stagecoach, the bus and rail group, is poised to open new routes in greater Glasgow, creating a total of 250 jobs.

The company says that the express routes, many of which will use the motorway network, would offer frequent fast services with new state-of-the-art buses and low fares.

It is expected that the first services will begin on April 24, this year. So far £10 million has been invested in the express services.

Ardagh break

Ardagh, the Dublin glass-maker, is to shut down production for one week at Easter to reduce its stock levels. Ardagh reported pre-tax profits of £183.3 million (£128 million) for the six months to December 1995. An interim dividend of 10p, up 10 per cent, is due on April 11.

CMG up 37%

CMG, the computer software and services group, raised pre-tax profits 37 per cent to £27 million in the year to December 31 on sales up 25 per cent to £245 million. Earnings rose 30 per cent to 21.4p a share, giving a total dividend for the year of 6p (4.5p).

Sidney rise

Charles Sidney, the vehicle distribution group, raised pre-tax profits to £6 million in the 16 months to December 31 from £3.6 million in the year to August 1995. Total dividends rose from 3.7p to 4.2p, with a 2.5p final, out of earnings increased from 7.3p to 10.1p.

German purchase gives £20m boost to IMI

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A PUSH by IMI, the specialist engineering group, to expand its overseas activities helped to lift underlying pre-tax profits 30 per cent in 1996.

Much of the boost for the company, whose activities extend from building products to drinks dispensing, came from its purchase last year of Heineker, Germany's biggest maker of thermostatic radiator valves.

Heineker's contribution lifted operating profits in IMI's building products division 66 per cent with a first-year contribution of £20.3 million.

This came against a backdrop of difficult trading conditions in Germany, IMI said, although it added that the impact of the strength of sterling had been negligible.

IMI, of which Sir Eric Pountain is chairman, said that ISI Automation, the US producer of pneumatic components bought for £89 million last November, should enhance earnings this year. IMI is looking for further bolt-on acquisitions. With gearing at 11 per cent, the company said that it had ample scope for further growth.

Last week the company spent £24 million on Wilshire, the drinks dispenser, the sales of which it intends to boost through IMI's worldwide distribution network. Overall, IMI's pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 increased to £161.1 million, from £87.2 million.

There was a profit of £64.3 million from disposals, with the bulk coming from the sale of shares in Timet, a titanium business into which IMI transferred its titanium operations last year.

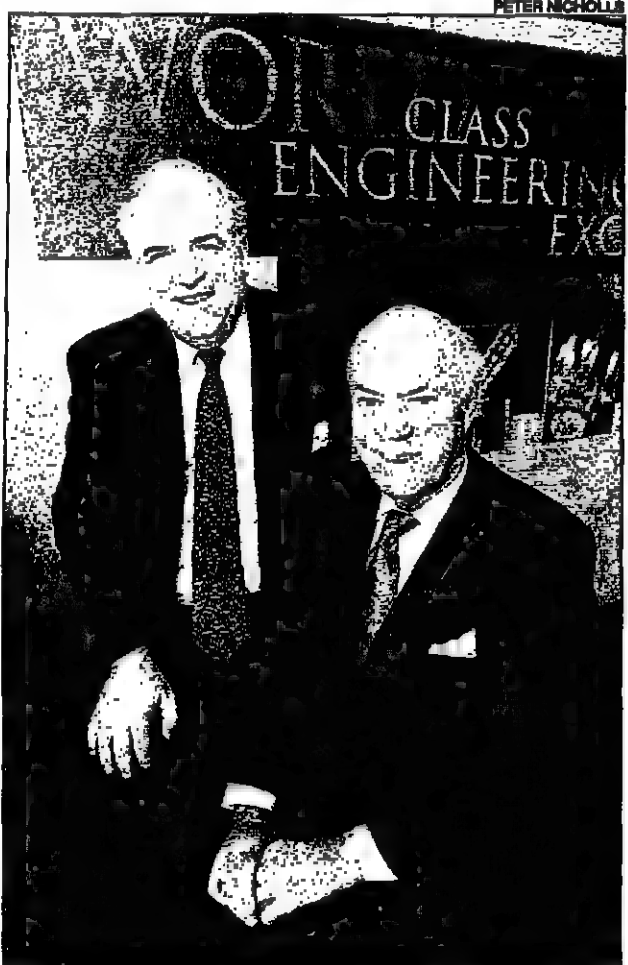
However, IMI has also been hit by a £25 million charge to cover closure costs and asset write-offs at its Yorkshire Alloys division.

The closure of the business was announced last month after "another year of unacceptable losses".

IMI's overhaul of its businesses last year saw the company spend £239 million on new ones, while realising a total of £130 million in selling existing parts.

The final dividend, payable on May 19, rises 16 per cent to 8p a share. The final dividend payment makes a total of 13p for the year, a 13 per cent increase on the 1995 total.

Earnings per share rose from 16.4p to 31.5p a share and on an adjusted basis increased from 20.1p to 25.7p.



Gary Allen, chief executive, left, with Sir Eric Pountain

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British Vita earmarks £100m for acquisitions

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BRITISH VITA, the foams and fibre group, is looking to spend up to £100 million on one or more acquisitions in the next 18 months.

Jim Mercer, chief executive, says the company is looking for acquisition opportunities on mainland Europe, the Far East and the Americas. It is also on the look out for bolt-on acquisitions worth about £10 million to £15 million.

The company yesterday revealed a healthy set of 1996 results, which sent its shares up 6.5 per cent. In the 12 months to December 31, pre-tax profit was £57.2 million, compared with £35.7 million. The company's shares rose 13.1p to 223.4p as several analysts upped their forecasts to more than £60 million for the current year.

Bob McGee, chairman, said business had been buoyant in the UK and US, but subdued in France and Germany.

The strengthening of sterling in the final quarter had had only a modest impact on the trading results.

Earnings per share on continuing operations before exceptional items were 17.2p (15.4p). The final dividend of 4.25p (4p) per share gives a full-year dividend of 8.25p (7.95p). It is due to be paid on May 12.

Persimmon head confident on housing recovery

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

DUNCAN DAVIDSON, the chairman of Persimmon, yesterday predicted that the recovery in the housebuilding industry would spread from the South East to the rest of the country this year.

Mr Davidson does not expect the election to hold back the market and says he remains confident about the industry's long-term future.

Persimmon, Britain's third largest housebuilder, is anticipating its average sale price to rise about 7 per cent to £80,000 this year.

The company unveiled a 96 per cent rise in full-year profits, excluding tax and exceptional items, to £36 million. Persimmon said it was already seeing benefits from Ideal Homes, which it bought for £177 million a year ago.

Earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, rose two-thirds to 16.6p.

Gearing declined to 29 per cent, compared with a forecast rate of 30 per cent. Persimmon shares rose 3p to a new high of 263.4p.

Overall turnover increased 80 per cent to £448 million, while exceptional charges totalled £3.2 million.

Persimmon said that it completed just over 6,000 sales last year and was aiming to raise them 10 per cent in 1997. The land bank increased from 23,600 plots to 27,030 at March 1 this year, aided by the ideal purchase.

Group operating margins were 11 per cent. The total dividend was maintained at 9.5p, with a final dividend of 6.5p payable on April 28.

Fairey faces payoff costs of £800,000

By FRASER NELSON

FAIREY, the engineering group that bought rival Burnfield for £60 million six weeks ago, is facing costs of up to £800,000 after paying off the instrument manufacturer's former management.

The company, which has already paid fees of about £1 million for its hostile bid, said that the costs would almost entirely stem from severance fees payable to the 13 executives who manned the company's head office.

Brian McCowan, Burnfield's chairman — who is also chairman of House of Fraser — is understood to have settled for a

luxury car without a cash payment. John Poulter, Fairey's chief executive, said only the managers of Burnfield's main operating divisions would retain their jobs.

After buying two American engineering companies for £131 million last year, Fairey's pre-tax profits rose 29 per cent to £44 million for 1996, on sales up 26 per cent to £247 million.

Earnings were 32p (17p) per share, and the dividend rises to 9p (8p) with a final 6.15p. It is due June 13. The shares fell 9p to 617.4p yesterday.

Premier seeks partner in Albanian venture

By CARL MORTSHED

PREMIER OIL, the exploration group, is seeking a partner to take up a quarter share in its Albanian joint venture. Premier produces about 5,000 barrels of oil per day and said that operations continue in spite of civil unrest. Four expatriate staff have

been moved to Tirana from Fier, a town near the Patos-Marine oilfield. "At the moment our main concern is staff security," Charles Jamieson, Premier's chief executive, said.

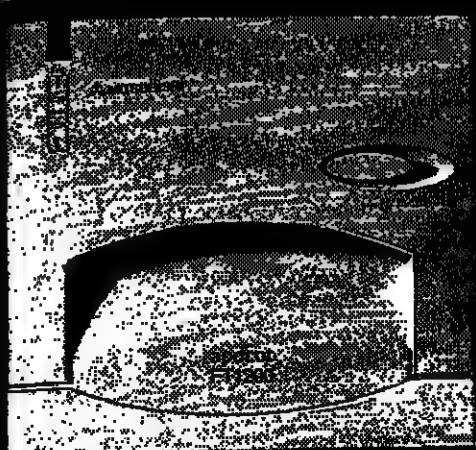
Premier is in talks with several oil companies with a view to reducing its half share in Anglo-Albanian Petroleum to 25 per cent. Mr Jamieson said

that the intention was to bring in a new partner with technical expertise in heavy oil. Premier hopes to increase production from 5,000 to 20,000 barrels per day over three to four years.

Premier yesterday reported an 80 per cent increase, to £45.3 million, in net profit after tax. Cashflow surged 70 per cent to £62 million after an increase in

oil and gas production of more than a third, to 32,000 barrels per day, and higher oil prices. Mr Jamieson said Premier would spend £40 million drilling 25 to 30 wells in eight countries. There is a dividend of 0.55p (0.5p) after earnings of 4.44p (2.63p).

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LITTLEWOODS Home Shopping has come unstuck over a direct-mailing campaign for Index Extra, the home shopping catalogue. The mailing that offered "the lowest prices in home shopping... and that's a promise" made specific price comparisons of Index Extra prices with those of other home shopping companies. Grattan in particular, disgruntled that Littlewoods omitted to mention that it imposes a delivery charge on sales of lower value items, which Grattan doesn't, the Bradford-based mail order company complained to the Advertising Standards Authority. The complaint has been upheld.

Deflated

VAUXHALL MOTORS has also had the air let out of its direct-mailing campaign. Sent in a plain brown envelope stamped "Warning - blue material, enclosed for fun-loving adults only", it contained information about a special edition blue Vauxhall Tigra. Vauxhall argued that the mail pack was designed to show the Tigra as a cheeky and mischievous car, but the ASA objected after a complainant deemed it both "offensive" and "embarrassing".

NATWEST'S corporate banking division has persuaded Steven Redgrave to pick up his oars. To raise money for Comic Relief, the Olympic gold medalist, who asked to be shot if he ever got into a boat again, will be taking part in a nine-hour, 67.2km rowathon.

Redgrave back in the boat for Comic Relief

Party line

IT'S bonus time at Argent. To celebrate the completion of BT's new headquarters in Brindley Place, Birmingham, staff at the property developer yesterday set off on a two-day trip to Dublin. Employees of the contractor Kyle Stewart, architect Sidell Gibson, QS SIK and Frazier, and engineer Ove Arup, undertook a hectic schedule at the city's race, pubs and restaurants. And the party isn't a one-off - Argent is now booking lunch on the Orient Express for the team that is due to finish the Brindley Place park.

Mine's a bubbly

THE subsidiary of Cogema, the French mining group, has recruited an encouraging prospect in the eastern goldfields of Western Australia. Henceforth, "Kopal" will be known as "White Foil", a top Champagne from Churchill's favourite house. Christian de Billy of Pol Roger showed the non-vintage white-topped sparkling to Edinburgh's bankers, and gave permission for the renamed mine. But he's remaining tight-lipped over whether he will be an investor in the venture.

A **READER** passing through Singapore recently came upon a BA baggage cart, resplendent in the flag carrier's blue and red colours. A closer examination revealed that the trolley had been altered to fly Air France. Are they trying to tell us something?

MORAG PRESTON

Blair's troops are planning ahead, says Philip Bassett

Red tape group determined to put Labour on business footing



Tony Blair and Barbara Roche intend to hit the ground running if Labour gains power

At the Mount Royal Hotel in London's West End business leaders will today sit down with Labour to work out what the party will do on small firms - not as a policy, but in government.

Business and Labour have been shaping up to each other with rapidly decreasing wariness since Tony Blair became the party's leader. That process will be accelerated next week, when Labour launches its pre-election business manifesto - a campaigning version of previous policy documents on industry and business.

But it is one thing to talk to each other in public conferences, in private meetings and in campaign launches. It is something wholly different to sit down - as Labour leaders will today with Britain's main business bodies - with the specific intention of working out a programme for action for a government which is not yet elected.

Mindful of Mr Blair's warnings about electoral complacency, despite the party's lead in the opinion polls, Labour is aware of the political sensitivity of its move today. But Labour, if elected, will not turn round on the morning after polling day and ask itself what it is going to do. Accordingly, it is preparing for government.

Today's first-ever meeting between business and Labour's red tape task group is part of that. Barbara Roche, Labour's Shadow Minister for small business, says: "Labour is not waiting for government to look at the practical ways of cutting red tape for small firms. This is a good example of how partnership in business will work in practice."

Business is aware of the political sensitivity of talking to Labour before the election about what it will do in government, even on a single specific issue. Most business organisations are sticking fiercely to a policy of strict political neutrality before the election; aware that this is itself irritating to some ministers, who regard it as a clear shift away from business's traditional support for the Conservatives.

Ruth Lea, policy head at the Institute of Directors, will attend today's talks. She said: "In the run-up to the election we are aware that things are getting more and more sensitive. But we take the view that we talk to anybody to represent our members and what they want - and less red tape is very much what they want." Stephen Alambrius, from the Federation of Small Businesses, will also be at the talks. He said: "It's the Tories who should be kicking themselves. How can Labour be talking about the need for deregulation after 18 years of government by the Conservatives? They shouldn't be able to, but they are."

Just as it is all but incon-

ceivable pre-Blair that the words deregulation and Labour could comfortably co-exist in the same sentence, so too would it have been unimaginable that leaders of Labour local authorities from could sit in the same room with bodies such as the IoD, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Forum of Private Business, which many Labour councillors would have viewed as close to the very devil.

But that is what will happen today. Rita Stringfellow, leader of North Tyneside Council, for instance, will detail her authority's new business partnership with its local chamber of commerce - including a business-style "mission statement", which explicitly has a commitment to "minimise the regulatory burden on business" while maintaining customer and environmental protection.

The council has an initiative to cut local red tape for

business by centralising business information to avoid duplicate form-filling and by cutting visits by council officials.

Or take Nottingham Council, which will tell of its move to draw up a simple list of broad regulatory compliance for firms in its area. If companies stick by that, they are judged to be in line with the general mass of rules without over-examination. Kirklees and Norwich councils will set out similar programmes.

Labour is dominant in local government, which is charged with enforcing many of the regulations that affect business at local level. That dominance is the device that will be used, if necessary, to defuse the political sensitivity of today's talks - that business is talking to Labour about current practice at local level, rather than prac-

tice under a future Labour government. But all sides are aware of the real position.

For some time business and Labour have been talking about forming the business policies of an incoming Labour government, largely through a body called the Industry Forum. The Forum's expanding list of about 240 corporate members - including such non-Labour bodies as the IoD - value it as a means of making clear to the Labour leadership the views of business.

Gerald Frankel, the former Whitehall official and trade association chief who heads the Forum, acknowledges suggestions that the Forum has been influential in helping to move Labour closer to business. The day after Labour publishes its pre-election business manifesto next week, Mr Frankel is convening MPs and the Forum's business members to plan how the Forum can

work with a Labour government, rather than a Labour opposition, following a declaration by Mr Blair that "its role will continue and develop in the future".

Business wants it to. "If this pattern can continue into the future, then I am sure the result will be that a Labour government is well informed on the views of industrialists," says Peter Harper, parliamentary affairs director at Hanson. Meanwhile, David Quysner, who chairs the British Venture Capital Association, says: "If Labour forms the next government, the proposal of maintaining the Industry Forum as a working group would be an excellent one."

But important and successful though the Industry Forum's work has been, its arm's length approach is different to today's talks. "We have all sorts of talks with political parties on business issues," says Dr Ian Peters, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

At today's talks he will explain the BCC's own initiative in setting up a network of "approved" chambers, meeting higher operating standards. "But this is the first time that we have had this sort of opportunity to sit down with Labour and get down to working on practical issues," he said.

Though big business bodies like the Confederation of British Industry will also be at today's talks, it is small business that is attracted by the novel idea of Labour - traditionally seen as the party of increased regulation - grappling with the idea of deregulation.

Conservative ministers are understandably sceptical. For them, Labour is and will always be the party of regulation, and they see no value to business, especially small firms, of Labour forming a new government.

At a deregulation seminar, Roger Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, announced eight new initiatives to cut red tape and said that the Government had now repealed or amended more than one thousand regulations impacting on business. But Mr Freeman was careful to emphasise the Government's thanks for their help in cutting red tape to the very business organisations who will attend today's talks with Labour.

Small firms are under no illusions that Labour, like the Conservatives, has a close eye on the business vote, and especially the votes of five million individual small business people. But they don't regard the competition for votes as bad for business. As Dr Peters says: "There is nothing better than seeing the two main political parties competing against each other - when the real winner will be business itself."



Eurobonus for UK inflation

Britain's inflation news just gets better and better and not just because Brussels has unusually offered a helping hand.

Let's take the statisticians' Eurobonus first. Eurostat's new harmonised inflation rates published last Friday mean that, at least in January, Britain would meet the Maastricht treaty's price criterion for membership of the single currency. Britain's headline rate was 2.8 per cent in January; its targeted underlying rate at 3.1 per cent. But Eurostat's harmonised rate for Britain, based on consumer prices, was only 2.1 per cent.

The overall effect of the new-style European inflation rates is - less than shockingly - to cluster members of the European Union more closely for joining the euro. Julian Callow of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson pithily observes: "The phrase 'redefinition by Eurostat' may nowadays be a somewhat dirty one in the minds of some market participants, as a result of that body's apparent rubber-stamping of the various accounting devices that EU governments are using to cut their deficit and debt levels this year."

Most countries have seen their inflation rates cut, with the notable exceptions of Finland and Sweden. This is important because they had Europe's lowest inflation by far, and therefore made meeting the Maastricht criterion too tough.

The treaty states that a country's average inflation rate observed over the year before joining monetary union must not exceed, by more than 1.5 per cent, the average of the three best performers in terms of price stability. Taking old national inflation rates for January, countries would have had to have inflation of little more than 2 per cent. Taking the new figures, that rises to around 2.6 per cent and so Britain, as well as The Netherlands, Italy, Belgium and Denmark, all qualify.

All this is important for Eurocrats doing their best to smooth the increasingly bumpy road to monetary union, but does it make any difference to the British economic outlook, apart from providing Kenneth Clarke with new boasting

material? The answer should be no, given the markets know that policy is geared to the underlying rate - now adopted by Gordon Brown.

But some believe that the new international measure may have quite a substantial and positive subliminal effect. Simon Briscoe of Nikko Europe says that the Eurostat figure is likely to receive increasing attention from the markets, that the closing of the inflation differential between Britain and its European partners is positive in itself, and that, as long as the Eurostat measure of British inflation is lower than the currently targeted underlying rate, the pressure to raise interest rates is eased - whatever pressure is actually left.

For the immovable object that is Eddie George seems to have melted away. He has been retreating steadily from his interest rate histrionics of the autumn and yesterday told reporters in Basel that he thought Britain would meet its inflation target this year, the only question being whether inflation could be kept at this level. That comment does not, in reality, represent much of a change from the view in the Bank's February Inflation Report but the markets saw his comments as extremely dovish for interest rates, hence the pound's softening.

City analysts have been revising down their forecasts for economic growth and base rates this year, given the palpable and swift impact of sterling's strength on industry and a distinct weakening of consumer gusto over the past couple of months. Together with the pound's impact on industrial costs and prices, which again surprised with its benign ferocity in February's producer prices data published yesterday, the case for a sharp rise in interest rates after the election looks weaker by the day - with or without European statisticians. Only a sharp and sustained dive in sterling - which nobody is predicting - or a Labour Chancellor eager to prove his monetary virility, stand in the way of a wonderfully unthreatening outlook for interest rates.

Ecclestone poised to reap rewards of winning formula

From rich man's hobby to £2.5bn float. Alasdair Murray reports

Bernie Ecclestone, the man who controls Formula One, is on the verge of completing the transformation of grand prix motor racing from a sport that guzzled cash to a stock market money spinner.

News broke at the weekend that Ecclestone is steering Formula One to a £2.5 billion flotation in London and New York. As a result, Ecclestone should become one of the country's few billionaires, while close allies, such as Max Mosley, son of politician Sir Oswald Mosley, should also reap a handsome reward from motor racing's phenomenal growth.

Today grand prix racing is one of the most high-profile global sports, attracting around three million paying spectators through the season and 330 million television viewers for each race. But just two decades ago Formula One was a relatively obscure sport, with little television appeal. The sport was the preserve of the dedicated amateur, written off by the mainstream media as a rich man's hobby.

Ecclestone came to the sport in time-honoured fashion, starting as a second-rank driver and then as a team manager at Connaught and then Brabham, where he won two championships. Although the quality of the cars and the professionalism of teams was improving, he describes the style of organisation at the time as "mates together".

In the early 1970s serious sponsorship money - especially from the tobacco companies that were losing their outlet to television - was just beginning to feed into the



David Coulthard's Australian win was watched by millions

sport. In 1972 Ecclestone teamed up with Mosley, a rival team manager, to form the Formula One Constructors Association (FOCA) with the aim of uniting the teams to improve their earning power. FOCA succeeded in persuading the circuit operators to raise the start funds and prize money for the sport, while it worked hard to provide a larger and more stable grid of cars to improve motor racing's spectator appeal.

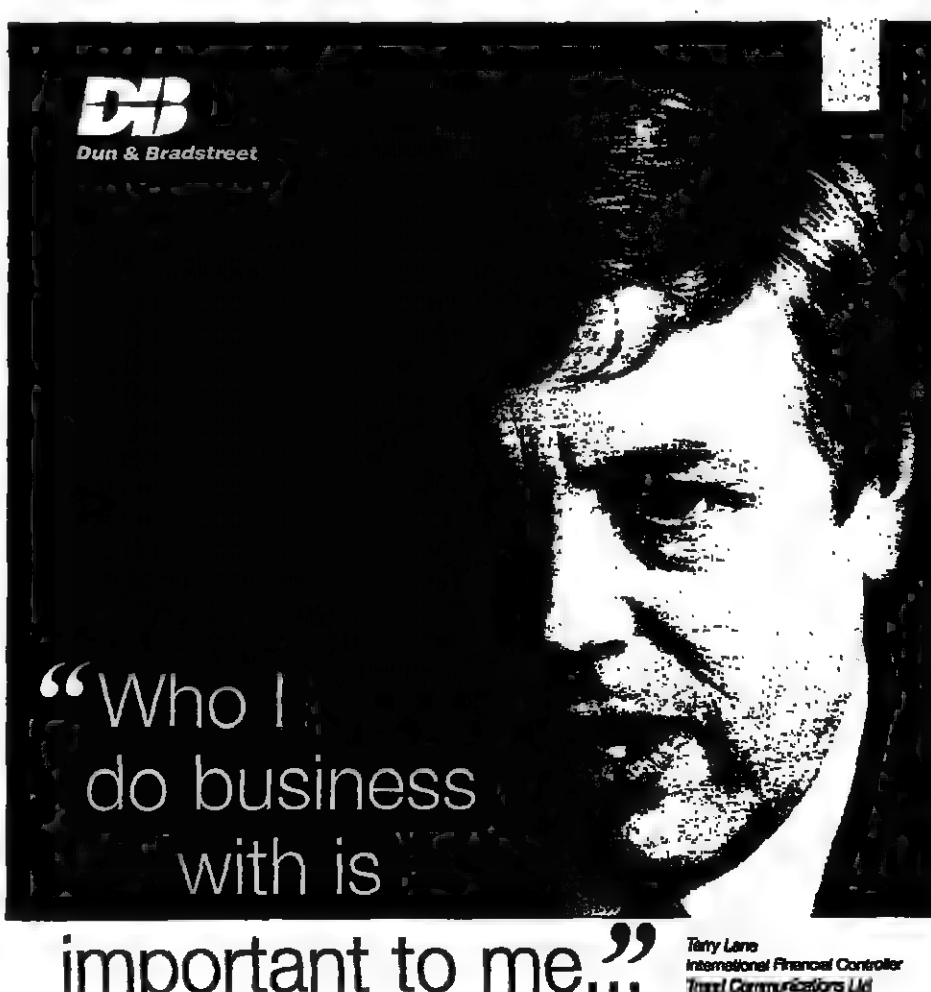
But it was Ecclestone's idea to package Formula One as a fortnightly show - increasing its appeal to television and sponsors - that sowed the seeds of the sport's future success. Sponsors were now willing to pay vast sums to ensure they received high-profile TV coverage. The tobacco companies, such as Rothmans and Marlboro, are believed to spend around £30 million a year in sponsorship.

Television remains at the centre of the plans to float. Ecclestone has watched developments in other sports with interest and sees the opportunity to greatly increase Formula One's TV revenues. He recently sold grand prix rights to ITV for £60 million, com-

pared with the £7 million the BBC paid previously. However, the real money will be made when Formula One is carried on digital television. Ecclestone is enthusiastic about the potential of interactive television, allowing viewers to effectively follow the race to their own agenda, "riding" in-car with a favourite driver or cutting to watch pit-stops. He estimates that the television value of the sport should grow to around £600 million within a few years, but he needs to raise money to buy satellite transmission time to guarantee its success.

Pressure for a flotation has also been growing from within the sport. Ecclestone is 65 and there is a serious worry that Formula One may collapse if he decides to retire. Ecclestone controls the sport through a complex and secretive series of companies and contracts. He is president of FOCA, vice-president of Federation Internationale de L'Aoto (FIA), owner of International Sport World Communications - which deals with the TV rights - and president of Formula One Promotions and Administrations, which sells the grands prix to the circuits. Almost nothing in the sport - from picking drivers to selling merchandise - is done without his agreement.

This form of control is difficult to pass on to the successor, and with the major constructors - such as Williams and McLaren - beginning to flex their muscles for a greater slice of revenue, the whole structure could crack. A float would lock in the potential leading parties and clarify the organisational structure of the sport.



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179	133	100	101	47	31	87	49	47	82
96	74	100	85	12.6	10.2	155	143	12	54
191	261	100	200	1.7	79.9	229	229	1	46
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197	286	Korea - Corp	321 ⁺	1/2	0.4	118 ⁺	75 ⁺ (Star)	187	2.6	17.5	
198	304	Latin America	133 ⁺	1/2		373	16 ⁺ Starline	338	1.4	31.8	
198B	913	Law Defenders	957	3 ⁺	3.0	241	10 ⁺ London	94	1/2		
120	89	Layers Sin Gap	732 ⁺	1/2		245	34 ⁺ (London)	246	1/5	22.2	
27	22	Layers Sin Dir	244	1/2	22.7	218	135 (Rialto Market)	185 ⁺	1 1/2	2.0	
108	126	Layers Sin Png	158	1/2	3.0	40.7	162	14 ⁺ (London)	112	1/5	15.0
124	191	Los S. Insurance	162 ⁺	1/2	6.7	36.7	170	8 ⁺ (London)	16	1/2	

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100%	122 MSG Inc Package 130% 1
70%	69 MSG Inc Zero Div 74 +
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23	23 MSG Rec Inc 30 + 4 22.5 5.5

154	138	M&G Rec	100%	4.6	21.4	161%	11%	Black	152%	2	2
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257%	222	Naples	250%	3.2	23.6	499%	248	Bond	184%	2.8	23.1
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147%	136%	From 9/15/2005	147%	+ %	7.38	7.26	99%	139%	139%
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182%	171%	From 9/15/2005-06	182%	+ %	7.78	7.14	129%	172%	172%

2010	1.51 ⁴⁰	+ 12 ₂	3.30	1.53
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Rates fear for those working from home

BY BRIAN COLLETT

BUSINESS owners and self-employed people working from home are being given a warning that their domestic properties could be targets for rating as business premises.

Fears of visits from assessment officers have grown after several well-documented horror stories. One business-man's house was even watched for the cars that parked outside.

Premises can be re-rated if their character or use has changed. This is considered to have happened if the home is no longer used substantially as a residence, if the business has markedly more traffic or

callers, if it involves activities unusual in a residential area, or if it disturbs neighbours at unreasonable hours or is noisy or smelly.

However, Inland Revenue officers, who assess properties and instruct the local authority to collect the business rate, have wide latitude to interpret what they find.

In one case Geoffrey Carter, who had relocated to his home in Taunton, Somerset, was visited by an official without warning. The official inspected the house and imposed a £450 rates bill. Mr Carter refused to pay and appealed. Under the rules the rates must be paid until reassessment and the council obtained a court liability order against Mr Carter, which would have barred him from obtaining credit.

The TCA, the taxworkers' organisation, asked the district valuer for details of the case and the demand was dropped soon afterwards.

Michael Parker was told to pay business rates because of the mail-order company he runs from home in Cleckheaton, west Yorkshire. The council showed him the numbers of 19 cars that parked near his house. Mr Parker found that eight of the cars belonged to domestic callers and seven to the council. He eventually persuaded the council to cancel its demand.

Alan Denbigh, the TCA's executive director, expects more such investigations. He said: "If high street offices are emptying and no longer producing revenue, councils will assume people are using their homes as offices. It will become more of an issue."

Many investigations arise because people shop their neighbours — out of spite as well as concern — and the council has to act. Reports of unfair cases are being collected by Sophie Chalmers, editor of *Home Run*, the home workers' magazine, to be studied when business people complain of bad treatment. Potential victims should also know that assessment officials must give 24 hours' written notice of a visit, allowing time to prepare explanations.

They may also find two Environment Department booklets helpful: *Planning — a Guide for Householders* and *A Step-by-Step Guide to Planning Permission for Small Businesses*.

Jessica Horst-Williams on a bibliophile back in control of his career

Bookman turns tome detective

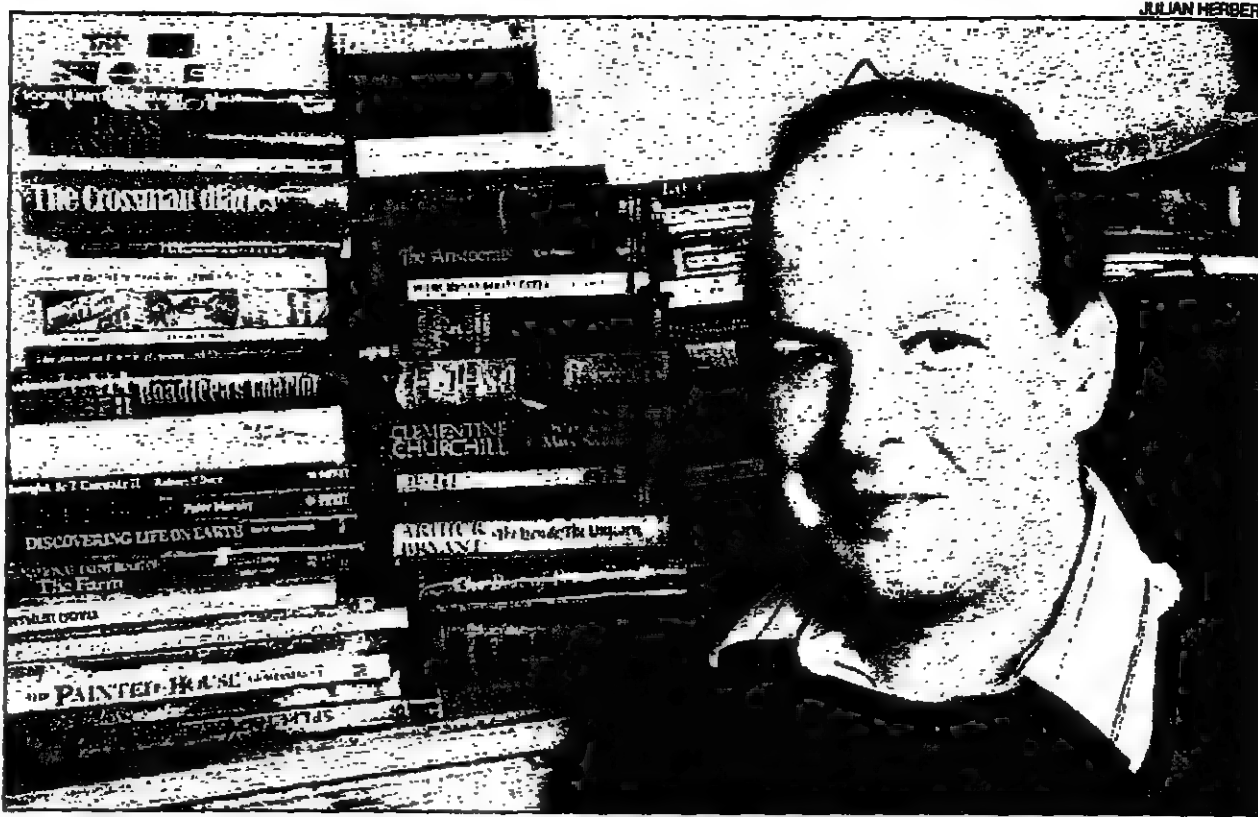
WHEN Humphrey Fullerton Boon was born, 38 years ago, it was, he says, with the word "books" taped on his forehead. His father was chairman of Mills & Boon, publisher of romantic novels. In contrast, Mr Boon Jr traces rare and out-of-print books.

He ferrets out 8,000 or so titles yearly for Fullerton's, his book-search business at Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire. Mr Boon set up his business after spending all his life among books. At 17, he was working at Hatchards in Piccadilly, central London. Later, between bouts of travelling, he did stints on the buying side of other well-known booksellers.

By the time he was 32, he had tired of not being in control. He recalls: "I always put in far more hours than I was paid for and then they would be fussy on the very rare occasions when I was half an hour late."

Mr Boon took on the selling of new books on birds for a specialist self-publisher, but soon noticed that customers kept asking for out-of-print books, and so, at the end of 1991, he began to sell those, too. "It was not an area I knew about and it was a matter of feeling my way," he says.

He put aside £40,000 to set up the business. The first year was spent locating about 30 dealers to whom he could send lists. He admits to learning a lot by trial and error. "For instance, the book-search form is so important," he says. "It needs to be easy to fill in and to cover every query. When I began I had it printed in blue,



Humphrey Boon works for himself tracing out-of-print books, and faces big bills for postage and stationery

not realising that this would not be clear."

The first year he spent about £3,000 advertising for customers, and turnover was just £2,000. "This year," he says, "I am expecting sales of £60,000, and advertising, all told, should be £2,000. Bank charges are going down because I am more experienced at negotiating."

Postage, though, costs about £7,500 a year, the telephone

bill comes to £1,200 and stationery costs are high. Customers are not committed to buying a book even though they have requested a search.

Mr Boon sends lists of up to 1,000 wanted books to contacts. The typing was done by an agency, but since October he has had a part-time employee.

Some books are found through luck and memory. He says: "Recently someone asked for a collection of Giles

curtains. A few days before, I had been browsing around a bookshop in London and noticed there were some there. So fulfilling that order took no time at all."

Top of the request list are books on military history, followed by autobiography and then fiction, with good demand for old children's books. Fullerton's generally does not search for scientific, technical, medical, educational, com-

puter and foreign-language books, nor for textbooks.

Mr Boon said: "Book searching is terribly expensive and I am having to trim down some costs." Until recently he would wait two years before writing to see whether the customer wanted a search to continue. Now he allows a year before giving up. He says: "I have been finding 70 per cent of books in the first year and only a few after that."

Single market fails to deliver

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE promised benefits of the European single market are not coming through, according to owner-managed businesses across Europe. UK businesses are among the most critical.

Grant Thornton, the international group of accountants, lists the disappointments across the European Union.
☐ Costs: 61 per cent claim the single market has not reduced costs in any way.
☐ Expansion: 59 per cent said expanding is no easier.
☐ Red tape: 64 per cent saw no reduction, and 30 per cent

believed that the problem had become worse.

☐ Distribution: 49 per cent said that distributing their goods had not become easier.
☐ Competition: Only 49 per cent detected an improvement.

The figures for the UK were generally worse, with 74 per cent claiming no reduction in costs, 68 per cent saying expansion was no easier and 53 per cent complaining that there is more red tape than before the single market. Only 33 per cent of British firms thought competition had increased.

The 1997 Grant Thornton business survey asked more than 5,000 small and medium businesses in all EU countries how membership had affected their organisations over the past five years.

Andrew Godfrey, head of growth and development services at Grant Thornton, said: "The picture that emerges is one of owner-managers still waiting to be convinced of the benefits of the single market." Only 7 per cent of British companies and 6 per cent of German ones believed that economic and monetary union would have a positive impact.

Call for business rethink by South Asians

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE South Asian success story in Britain is under threat, according to a warning by a prominent Indian businessman.

Ram Gidoomal, chairman of Business Link South London and a director of Solotec, told the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce that although the community has disposable income of £5 billion, potentially disastrous problems are looming.

He said: "Time is not on our side. The South Asian community is commonly seen as a sub-economy that has successfully insulated itself from recession. But the same entrepreneurial spirit that can overcome problems can also cause them. There are dangers in operating outside the mainstream British business economy."

"Many Asian retail outlets are fighting for share of a diminishing ethnic market. Opting out into the minority ethnic market can be personally fulfilling, but such bubbles of success may prove surprisingly vulnerable."

Mr Gidoomal highlighted two areas of concern: funding and conflict between generations. He said that there is little take-up of available funding from government or training and enterprise councils. Many Asian businesses are still reluctant to borrow from outside their own community.

On the generation gap, he said: "Business can suffer when, for example, a young man fresh from business school returns to the extended family business to find his new expertise and ideas are unwanted — even though failure to modernise might very well mean the failure of the family business."

Mr Gidoomal called for far more ethnic representation on public boards and on Business Links and Tecs. He said: "We need to inculcate in the independently minded South Asian community a desire and a need to be part of things."

Proprietors grow more optimistic

OWNER-MANAGERS

are more optimistic than a year ago, according to the annual survey conducted by MORI on behalf of 31, providers of business capital. Profits are on the rise and proprietors feel more secure in spite of concerns over challenges from competitors and economic volatility (Rodney Hobson writes).

More than 1,000 companies with annual turnover between £1 million and £100 million took part in the survey. Most were started by the owner and most employ fewer than 50. The survey found a dramatic increase in the number of businesses using the Internet and a significant change in the way that they used it. Those promoting their products on the Net shot up from 26 per cent to 46 per cent and more firms were using e-mail, but fewer log on for information.

Entrepreneurs are also turning more to fax machines. More than half now have one at home. Businesses generally have a positive attitude to Europe, the main export market, but support for a single currency has fallen from 37 to 30 per cent, while opposition to it is up from 36 to 41 per cent. Companies were asked for the first time about the social chapter: 54 per cent oppose it.



Prize effort: Stephen Lowe, technical sales director of Kemlows Die Casting, of Huddersfield, Hertfordshire, which has won £10,000 in the second annual Making the Difference awards run by Business Links. The company's sales figures remained static at £2.5 million for five years and contracts were becoming increasingly difficult to win. Working with Business Link Hertfordshire, half the factory facilities have been upgraded and high-tech automated machinery installed. As a result, delivery times have improved and annual output is expected to reach £4 million by the end of the century, Mr Lowe says.

BRIEFINGS

Proposals to protect the personal pensions of self-employed people who go bankrupt have been submitted to Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It became worried after a High Court ruling that would allow a trustee in bankruptcy to claim a debtor's pension rights and realise them for creditors' benefit. Peter Langard, the association's president, said: "Some people might decide it is not worth their while to make their own provision for retirement since the State will have no option but to rescue them should they lose their pension on bankruptcy."

☐ The third edition of *How to Buy Your Own Hotel*, written by Miles Quest, has been published by Brodie Marshall, price £20. Copies may be ordered from 0171-730 4974.

☐ First Steps to Export Success, a free report by Tim Ambler, of London Business School, and Dr Chris Sykes, of New South Wales University, on 434 British and Australian companies, shows the value of visiting target markets to gain first-hand knowledge. For a copy call 0171-215 4913.

☐ Blenheim Lodge Hotel has won the small business category in the Lord Whitelaw Ambassadors' Award for promoting Cumbria as a good business location. The winner for companies with 10-250 employees was Impact Training and for more than 250 employees, Lakeland Plastics.

☐ The future of small shopkeepers will be debated at a seminar being held by the Association of Small and Historic Towns and Villages at Newent, Gloucestershire, on March 22. It will consider ways of maintaining the prosperity of the high street and the community it serves.



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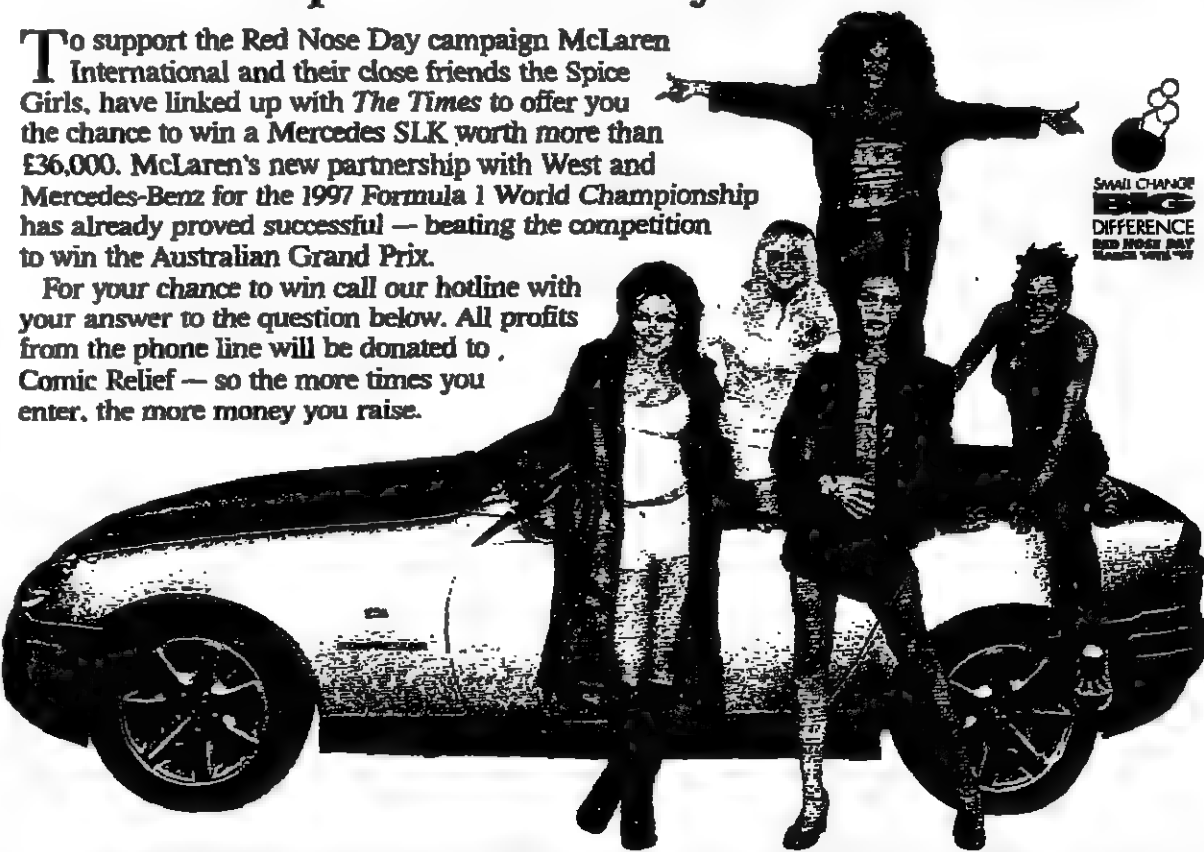
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DANCE

The good, the bad and the decidedly odd hit the road on the Royal Ballet's Dance Bites tour



MUSIC 1

Sir Michael Tippett's last orchestral work, *The Rose Lake*, is persuasively played by the Hallé

THE TIMES ARTS



MUSIC 2

... while the LSO marks the 70th birthday of Rostropovich with superb playing in Shostakovich



CD CHOICE

A vintage Toscanini recording is among Edward Greenfield's all-time favourites

DANCE: Debra Craine sees a mixed bag of offerings from the Royal Ballet in the regions

Quantity overtakes quality

No one could accuse the Royal Ballet of short-changing its regional audiences, at least when it comes to quantity. The current Dance Bites tour, which brought small-scale experimental dance to Sheffield and High Wycombe last week and to Bath tonight, features no fewer than seven offerings.

William Tucker's contribution is a real curiosity called *The Maggie's Tower*. It managed to make every one of the dancers look ridiculous, especially poor old Adam Cooper whose performances with Dance Bites mark his farewell appearances with the Royal Ballet. Suited up like a



Farewell Royal Ballet performance: Adam Cooper in William Tucker's *The Maggie's Tower*, part of the 1997 Dance Bites tour

Dance Bites

Swan, High Wycombe

rooster in tennis whites, and matched by three equally silly female colleagues. Cooper manfully endured the grotesque eccentricity of Tucker's unattractive — and narratively bewildering — choreography, set to music by Bach and Graham Fitkin.

It was pretty clear what Tom Sapsford was up to in his *All Nighter*. A dark, dank nightclub is the setting; six clubbers constitute the cast. Relationships are explored: suspicion, self-absorption and predatory sexual tensions saturate the night. The deadness and alienation of club culture are clearly foremost in the choreographer's mind. But Sapsford's language is still unformed; his movement without personality or resonance; his characters blandly wearisome. If ballet is to relate to a new audience, it will have to do better than this.

Fortunately, the rest of the programme does. It opens most promisingly with a thoughtful work by Cathy Marston, who now dances in Switzerland. Her *Figure in Progress*, to music by Shostakovich and Fabienne Audéoud, was inspired by the work of Giacometti. Like his elongated, anatomically perverse sculptures, Marston's

quartet are a study in extreme definition.

Matthew Hart, who left the Royal last year and now dances with Rambert, must have had fun making *Cry Baby Kreiser*, because it's certainly fun watching it. The piece (music: Fritz Kreisler) is a trio for a man, a woman — and a grand piano. Jonathan Cope was the vain concert pianist tormented and teased by what lives inside his instrument — Sarah Wildor's slinky siren.

Wildor stretched and leapt seductively while a brilliantly comic Cope emoted wildly before succumbing to her blandishments.

Christopher Wheeldon's *Pavane pour une infante défunte* was seen at Covent Garden a few months back, but on second viewing looks even trickier than its elegant romanticism would suggest. Mara Galeazzi and Inaki Urlezaga had a tough time making it look as easy as Darcée Bussell and Cope did then.

It was left to Ashley Page to produce the most accomplished dance of the evening. His *Ebony Concerto* was remounted to provide a snappy finale for Dance Bites, but most absorbing of all was his new *Room of Cooks*. This chilling 15-minute work is a companion piece to last year's *Sleeping with Audrey*, also inspired by a Stephen Chambers painting. Page is a master of compressed narrative and suggestive situation. Two men, one woman and a meat

cleaver at the kitchen table: that's all you need to know. The rest is up to you. The tense, fateful duets are ominously sexual; the promise of domestic violence simmers like soup on the stove.

Michael Nunn and Matthew Dibble give great performances as the two men, matched by Sian Murphy's burning female catalyst. We end where we began, and we never really know where we have been. But the mystery and anticipation are exhilarating.

CLASSICAL CHOICE

On Radio 3 this week the distinguished music critic Edward Greenfield revealed his ten all-time favourite recordings

1 Toscanini's 1939 recording of Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony with the NBC Symphony Orchestra, my first set of 78 records as a boy, and still the most incandescent reading I know, with the harsh sound adding to the impact (RCA GD 60269, £9.99).

2 Jascha Heifetz's powerful 1941 recording with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra of the Violin Concerto of William Walton, my first musical hero (*Biddulph Willoughby*, £11.99, part of compilation CD). This is another of my early sets. I choose it by default as my favourite, the tenderly expressive Decca version with Kyung-Wha Chung, is currently unavailable.

3 André Previn's passionate recording with the LSO of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, now available in a three-disc box at midprice with the other two Rachmaninov symphonies, *The Isle of the Dead* and the *Symphonic Dances* (EMI CMS7 64530-2, 3 CDs, £29.99).

4 Dame Joan Sutherland at her freshest and most brilliant in her very first recital recording, including the two big scenes from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, recorded in 1959 soon after her big Covent Garden triumph (Decca 414 520-2, 2 CDs, £30.99).

5 Sutherland's recording with Luciano Pavarotti of Donizetti's *La fille du régiment*, made in 1968 with the Covent Garden cast, full of the fizz and good humour that marked the stage production (Decca 414 520-2, 2 CDs, £30.99).

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● Next Saturday on Radio 3 (9am): Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A minor.

● In last week's Building a Library the orchestra on Soli's recording of *Cost fan tutte* was the Chamber Orchestra of Europe

6 Karl Böhm's 1962 recording with the Philharmonia of Mozart's *Cost fan tutte*, with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf as Fiordiligi and Christa Ludwig as Dorabella, one of the most felicitous opera sets that even Walter Legge masterminded (EMI CMS7 69330-2, 3 CDs, £29.99).

7 Schwarzkopf's recording of Strauss's *Four Last Songs*, recorded with George Szell and the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra in 1965, poised and radiant, with other orchestral Strauss lieder for coupling, equally ravishing (EMI CDC7 4726-2, £11.49).

8 Two heroines on one disc: Jacqueline du Pré in her deeply expressive reading of the Elgar Cello Concerto; and Dame Janet Baker giving Elgar's song-cycle, *Sea Pictures*, unparalleled depth and intensity; both women with glowing accompaniment from Sir John Barbirolli and the London Symphony Orchestra (EMI CDC7 47329-2, £9.99).

9 Alessandro Stradella's oratorio, *San Giovanni Battista*, on the story of John the Baptist and Salome, an electrifying work of 1675, here with Catherine Bott sensuous as Salome, and with Marc Minkowski directing Les Musiciens du Louvre (Erato 2292 45730-2, £15.49).

10 Bach's B minor Mass with John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists showing that a period performance can yet convey a rare inner intensity, with dedicated singing from the Monteverdi Choir (DG Archiv 415 514-2, 2 CDs, £30.49).

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CONCERTS: Birthday festivities; plus Tippett, and a South Bank premiere

Tunes of brazen glory

Never lost for words

The Barbican is hosting a continuous birthday party at the moment: the centre itself was 15 last week; Schubert, of course, is 200 and still going strong; and Mstislav Rostropovich is 70 this month. His sixtieth birthday was celebrated here with the London Symphony Orchestra, and he returned on Saturday for the first of five newly festive concerts.

In the programme book's long pages of eulogies (from the Queen Mother to James Macmillan) certain words significantly recur: whirlwind, agiles, primal force, human rights, commitment. To these verbal icons can be added *Slava* itself — Rostropovich's affectionate diminutive and, as Leonard Bernstein's *Overture for Orchestra: Slava!* emphasised unforgettably, the Russian word for "glory". At the end of this shamelessly brazen birthday bonanza, originally written for Slava's fiftieth, the magic word is shouted by the entire orchestra.

Rostropovich conducted the

LSO/Rostropovich Barbican

overture with obvious glee, and seemed equally delighted to be treating himself and the LSO to a muscular performance of Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*. The triumph of the evening, though, was Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony. With its remarkable Fifth from last year's Proms still ringing in the ears, the LSO once more kindled that white heat of inspiration which happens uniquely when Rostropovich, either through bow or baton, is fired by feelings of intense and full-hearted loyalty to the memory of a friend.

Seldom has this symphony felt more devastatingly concentrated in its power. Its economy of means — its narrow, intertwining intervals, its ubiquitous DSCH motif — is always distinctive: this time the physical and emotional impact was enormous. This was partly because Rostropo-

vich insisted on time for each idea to find its place and its proper pace. Partly, too, because of the rigorous rhythmic definition of the strings, and Rostropovich's instinctive sense of timing in constructing, and deconstructing, every orchestral climax.

The LSO was as unstoppable as the howling hurricane which was the second movement, with the brass lacerating string-playing of remarkable depth, as one theme battled for life with another. A stunned silence rang out between this and the pivotal *Allegretto*, in which the goose-stepping march appeared, chillingly, as if from nowhere, before dragging everything into its own. "It's about Stalin and the Stalin years," confided Shostakovich to Solomon Volkov. In this performance, the symphony's "subject-matter" seemed to extend far beyond history, into the timeless and impenetrable workings of the human heart itself.

HILARY FINCH

No sop to the populists

Hallé/Howarth Manchester

Having so generously opened their concert with Tippett's *The Rose Lake* and so extravagantly gone on from there to Carter's Piano Concerto, the Hallé players deserved the best of luck. As it turned out, although they did not do as badly at the Bridgewater Hall box office as they might have done, they did not have the happiest of experiences on the platform.

The Rose Lake, Sir Michael Tippett's last orchestral work, was given a very acceptable first Hallé performance. If it needed rather more inspiration from Elgar Howarth in demonstrating the continuity of the composer's thinking and in profiling his characteristically proliferating construction, it was most persuasively realised in terms of colour, texture and line. The percussion section seemed to be particularly appreciative of the opportunity to indulge itself in such poetic and picturesque scoring and the cellos

carried the groundswell of melody with evident authority.

Elliott Carter's Piano Concerto, which retains its superlatives in intellectual rigour and textural complexity even after 30 years in the repertoire, offers few such voluptuous inducements. It must win over its listeners through its rhythmic exhilaration, which is its most prominent feature when Ursula Oppens plays it, and through its structural logic, which is where Charles Rosen might be expected to excel. Unfortunately, the relationship between Rosen and Howarth — both of whom might have benefited from extra rehearsal time — was never easy and, in the second of the two movements, it actually broke down. Although the situation was saved by quick thinking and repeated promptings from the

conductor, and although it might well have passed unnoticed in most parts of the hall, it was not the kind of event to carry conviction to an already dubious audience.

By this stage in the concert, what we all needed was a full-scale, relatively problem-free orchestral indulgence in some-thing like, say, the Ravel orchestration of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. While it was polite of the Hallé to ask Howarth to conduct his brass-band arrangement of that work, it was most frustrating to the ear. The Ravel version is admittedly not perfect and it does cause a few problems, not least to the brass. But it is nowhere near as precarious as the Howarth version which, for all its imaginative scoring for (often muted) trumpets, and key-board percussion above all, is remarkable less for being well done than for being done at all.

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Nash Ensemble Purcell Room

matic example, Simon Holt's dangerous *Canciones*.

Anderson has taken phrases from Tom Phillips's *Heart of the Humant* — a "treated" Victorian novel, in which certain words are picked out and the rest of the page painted — to title eight jewel-like movements. *Know Vienna* brings the murkier memory of a waltz, *lashing in Italy* is a chromatic, canonic string quartet; in *Carpathia* dissolves into the ghost of a folk tune. Anderson has often used folk music, but his handling of it is ever fresher, more deft.

Holt's *Canciones* are more than ten years old now, and on CD, but this riveting performance by the Nash Ensemble, under Martyn Brabbins, brought out their violence and sensuality anew. The primitive sound of the harp's bass forms a perfect foundation to Lora's world of love intertwined with death.

Fiona Kimm, stepping in for Jean Rigby, was a voluptuous soloist, tortured in her cry for love, compelling in her lowest range. These songs border on an expressionist drama.

Sally Beamish's *Between Earth and Sea*, the second Nash premiere which was written in memory of two infants, was given a deeply felt performance by the ensemble in this expertly programmed concert.

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LAW

Lord Mackay of Clashfern analyses the role of Europe's courts in the UK legal system

The job of our judges

The following is an edited version of the speech delivered by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, at this year's Times Law Awards, sponsored by One Essex Court. This year, candidates were invited to write an essay on the topic "The law lords in the 1990s — a new Supreme Court?"

The House of Lords is the final court of appeal in the United Kingdom for civil matters, and for criminal matters for England and Wales. So long as the European Convention on Human Rights is not incorporated into our domestic law, the Strasbourg court will remain a special jurisdiction, rather than a further line of appeal. The Luxembourg court, in a different way, also has its own special area of competence; namely, the enforcement of European Community law.

So for now at least, the House of Lords remains the final court of appeal in the United Kingdom, with the exception that it does not hear appeals on criminal matters from Scotland. But the phrase "Supreme Court" is commonly understood to mean a great deal more than simply that the court in question is the final court of appeal.

Proactivity has long been a feature of our judicial system. Our judges have to decide on the basis of the facts before them how to apply the law. The law may be found in a statute, passed by Parliament. But sometimes there is no statute. More often still, the correct application of the statute to the particular circumstances is not entirely plain.

Where there is a gap in the law, our judges are required to take account of precedent to apply the law properly. In circumstances in which the law is unclear, it will be for the judge to decide the best way to proceed, and the result may be a decision that is in some ways innovative. This is part of the normal process of the development of the common law, and has been a feature of our system for a long time.

But our essayists [in the Times law competition] were more concerned about the circumstance where the law was, at least on the surface, quite plain, and where the judges decided to take a different course from the one apparently dictated by the statute.

A court that was able to override the wishes of Parliament would certainly be a great deal more than simply a final line of appeal, and could be argued to be "supreme" in a way that is genuinely "new" for our country. It is my firm view, however, that the duty of the judge is to apply the law as he finds it, not to seek to rectify perceived inadequacies by the use of creative interpretation. On occasions, this may result in deficiencies in the law becoming apparent.

This is what happened in the recent case of *Preddy*, where the House of Lords found that the law of theft as it then stood did not count certain types of transaction as obtaining possession of the property of another, and that, therefore, obtaining money



Lord Mackay of Clashfern near his home in Edinburgh: "It is a pillar of our democracy that all are subject to the rule of law"

fraudulently by such means could not be a theft. When such deficiencies in the law become apparent, it is for Parliament to respond, as it has done, to rectify the situation.

I have no doubt there are some circumstances in which certain judicial decisions have appeared not to fit neatly and tidily into this analysis. It is dangerous, however, to reach this conclusion too readily, especially if one's analysis is based only on the reports that are widely published. Very

often, a more careful inspection will show that the judges have not been quite so enthusiastically innovative as it might have appeared at first blush. In addition, as one of our essayists pointed out, it is right for the judges to be cautious in dealing with socially sensitive matters where innovation is an option. As the essay says: "A progressive judiciary is one which pays careful consideration to the sensitivities involved in difficult issues."

The relationship of the judges with Parliament is still more complicated than that. The law lords, by definition, are not merely the judicial complement of the highest court of appeal in the land, they are also members of the House of Lords. They have the right to vote on legislation pas-

sing through the Lords, and to speak in debates on that legislation. They are members of Parliament, in its wider sense. My personal view is that this is a source of great strength, both to the judiciary and to the House of Lords. It means that Parliament has a resource of legal expertise of the very highest calibre. It also means that the judiciary is headed by senior judges with direct personal experience of the process of law-making of a legislative kind.

What is remarkable to me is that the number of successful review applications is still comparatively small — the actions of the executive branch of government are lawful.

The extent to which this jurisdiction is used has increased quite dramatically and this may seem to indicate a move towards greater judicial supremacy. One might argue that this is merely the development of a principle that has been present in our law for a long time; namely, that the actions of government cannot be above the law.

But where does this leave the question of whether the House of Lords is a new Supreme Court for the 1990s? It is to be hoped that no court, or judge or group of judges will be supreme in the way that some of these observations have suggested. Rather, it is a pillar of our democracy that it is the law itself that is supreme, and that our judges, our Government, and our Parliament are all subject to the rule of law although they all, in various ways, also make the law.

If judges are to change the law, it must be by the development and application of fundamental principles of

disputes between parties concerned about specific events which have occurred in the past. This may show that a particular rule used in the past should no longer apply; but the fundamental principles were always part of the law and it is therefore justifiable to apply them to the case before the court. A judge who in this way administers justice does no more, and no less, than perform that which his oath requires.

Winning essay, page 41

There is a new move towards judicial authority influencing the actions of government

A second interpretation of the phrase "Supreme Court" concerns the question of a court having jurisdiction in relation to constitutional matters. It is often said that the United Kingdom does not have a written constitution. This is not strictly true. The United Kingdom constitution is not written down in a single document, but many of its features derive from statutes and rules that relate directly to our system of government.

Because our constitutional law is less immediately distinguishable from our general law, so the jurisdiction for its enforcement is necessarily separate. However, in recent years, the Divisional Court jurisdiction in administrative law has grown quite dramatically. This jurisdiction is not

strictly speaking a constitutional jurisdiction, but it does exist to help to ensure that the actions of the executive branch of government are lawful.

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the latest. Mears calls for funds, claiming that though there have been generous donations, he needs 1,000 subscriptions to survive.

Surprise visit

THE unexpected visit last week of the Lord Chief Justice to dispense local justice in Liverpool caused a certain amount of consternation — and not just with the burglar who received a six-year sentence when he was expecting three. About 17 cases were listed for hearing by Lord Bingham of Cornhill. But quite suddenly, large numbers fell out of the list, and found reasons not to be heard.

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Picking Cherie

FRESH from guest-editing *Prima*, the women's magazine, Cherie Booth, QC, has been appointed to chair the committee organising the annual Bar conference, on September 27. Ms Booth is busy penning in speakers — which so far do not include Tony Blair, despite hopes that she would ask him.

Slow crawl

THE future of *Caterpillar*, the magazine edited by Martin Mears, the former Law Society President, may be in

jeopardy, after a parting of the ways between Mr Mears and Robert Sayer, his former vice-president and a co-sponsor.

The Law Society has also

said it will not associate itself with further issues unless they are checked for libel. There were fears that the first issue may have been defamatory. In

WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHO WILL win the Women of Achievement in the Law Awards? There is still time to nominate candidates and register for this year's awards conference, with its line-up of leading speakers, on April 12. Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, will look at the role of women lawyers in civil justice reform, leaders of the Bar and Law Society will outline plans to improve equal opportunities, and speakers including Helena Kennedy, QC, Cherie Booth, QC, Laura Cox QC, and Jane Willets, partner with Edge & Ellison, will field questions in a variety of workshops and open forums.

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When you're told you're too old

In Middle Temple Hall two weeks ago, the Employment Lawyers Association held its first annual debate. The motion was that "Age discrimination can only be combated by the use of legislation".

The motion was proposed by David Winnick, MP (Labour, Walsall North) and Philip Taylor (Open University Business School Research Fellow). Opposing the motion were Ian Bruce, MP (Conservative, Dorset South) and John Cridland (the CBI's human resources policy director). Each was cross-examined by a scrupulously independent legal panel of Elizabeth Slade, QC, and myself. Fairness was judiciously maintained by the chairman of the association, the solicitor David Cockburn of Patten & Brewer.

There was common ground on two important matters. First, that employers habitually discriminate against employees, and potential employees, on the ground of their age. Secondly, that such discrimination is both unfair to individuals (because it denies them opportunities which their talents deserve) and damaging to businesses (which deprive themselves of valuable human resources). The dispute concerned whether legislation is the only, or most effective, means of changing behaviour.

Mr Winnick and Dr Taylor contended that legislation was necessary as an educative statement of public policy, to deter unfair treatment, and to provide a remedy for victims. They said that if legislation had been necessary to fight discrimination on grounds of race, sex and disability, a statute was equally essential to combat age discrimination.

Mr Bruce and Mr Cridland argued that an Act of Parliament would be a very inefficient way of tackling the problem. Good employers already recognised the absurdity of age discrimination, and money would be better spent on promoting non-discrimination than on litigation. It would be difficult to draft provisions that would not lead to absurdities (would Radio 1 be acting lawfully if it preferred to employ a young disc jockey to the highly experienced Sir Jimmy Savile?).

Those proposing the motion were weak on the detail of the proposed legislation and recognised defences that would undermine the principle. Mr Winnick said that it would be necessary to exclude the police and the Army to exclude anyone over the age of 50. But if age discrimination is wrong because it denies people the right to have their individual abilities considered irrespective of stereotypes associated with their age, it is difficult to understand why the police or the Army should not employ someone aged 55 who is able to do the job. Dr Taylor was asked whether it would be

unlawful for an employer who can send one employee on a training course to prefer the employee aged 45 to the employee aged 59 who is to retire next year. He said it would be a question of reasonableness for the industrial tribunal to decide.

Those opposing the motion were unrealistic in suggesting that the problem of age discrimination would be remedied without legislation. Mr Bruce confirmed that if he had been in Parliament in 1975-76, he would have voted against the enactment of the Sex Discrimination Act and the Race Relations Act. It was unclear how far he and Mr Cridland would take their principle of opposing statutory intervention; whether, for example, they disapproved of the law prohibiting unfair dismissal because we should rely on educating employers not to dismiss employees unfairly.

The debate did not touch on the differences in principle between age discrimination and discrimination on grounds of sex, race and disability. During the course of our lives, we are all young, middle-aged and (God willing) old, and so can expect to receive a share of the assets distributed by reference to age. Moreover, in important respects our society will continue to be organised by reference to age: I cannot vote until the age of 18 (however mature I may be) and I cannot receive my pension until state retirement age (however deserving I may be).

Nevertheless, just as other forms of unfair employment discrimination can effectively be combated only by legislation, the same is true of age discrimination. Many other countries with legal and social systems similar to our own (for example, the United States, Canada and New Zealand) have found it necessary and appropriate to introduce legislation to prohibit age discrimination. They have managed to address the problems (and they are substantial) of definition and enforcement.

At the beginning of the debate, there were 66 votes in favour of legislation, 18 against, and 18 abstentions. At the end of the debate, there were 63 votes in favour, 31 against, and 6 abstentions. So there remained a very substantial majority for the motion, even though Ian Bruce and John Cridland had persuaded a majority of those who had arrived with no fixed view. Employment lawyers may not be the most neutral audience to vote on the desirability of more employment legislation. But 98 per cent of those attending stayed to the end of a very stimulating debate.

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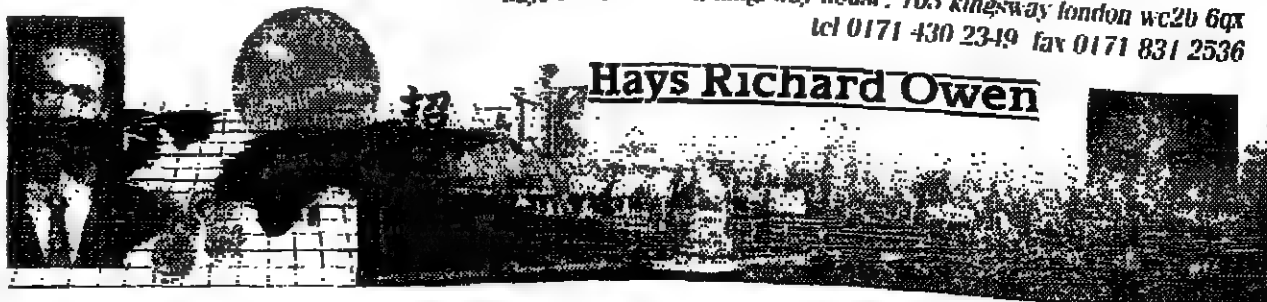
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Nearly 400 years ago, Francis Bacon warned the judges that they should be like lions at the foot of Solomon's throne, supporting the King but being circumspect that they do not check or oppose any points of sovereignty. Judges were to declare the law, they were not law-makers. This approach formed the basis of the traditional theory of the British constitution and was still pervasive in the 1950s when Lord Denning was harshly rebuked for suggesting that judges might be able to "iron out the creases" when a statute was not sufficiently clear. Lord Simonds accused Lord Denning of a "naked usurpation" of the legislative function of the Queen in Parliament.

By the 1970s, however, the mood was beginning to change as it was gradually acknowledged that judges did not simply declare the law, they created it as well. Francis Bacon may have turned in his grave at such constitutional heresy, but for Lord Reid, in his famous 1972 lecture, the traditional theory was made. "In some Aladdin's cave," he said, "there is hidden the Common Law in all its splendour and on a judge's appointment there descends on him knowledge of the magic words 'Open Sesame'. But we do not believe in fairytales any more."

A year later Lord Scarman gave a series of controversial lectures in which he proposed a new constitutional settlement. "I would hope that a Supreme Court of the United Kingdom would be established with the power to invalidate legislation that was unconstitutional and to restrain anyone — citizen, government, even Parliament itself, from acting unconstitutionally."

This was a far cry from our docile lions at the foot of the Sovereign.

Thus the rumblings of a quiet revolution in the judiciary were spreading. Attitudes were changing. New, more progressive judges were being appointed and the seeds of Lord Scarman's "new Supreme Court" had been planted. The results of that quiet revolution speak loudly in the decisions of the law lords this decade. The chastising of Michael Howard by the House of Lords in April 1995 is a striking example of the increasing willingness of the law lords to intervene in the day-to-day running of the executive. The Home Secretary's plans to reduce the cost of criminal injuries compensation were described by Lord Browne-Wilkinson

as "mean, arbitrary and unjust", and "not only constitutionally dangerous, but (flying) in the face of common sense". In his dissenting judgment, Lord Mustill felt that the issues raised in the case "push to the very boundaries of the distinction between court and Parliament". Yet, as Lord Goff conceded in *Woolwich Building Society* (1992), the boundary goalposts may move: "although I am aware of the existence of the boundary, I am never quite sure where to find it... Much seems to depend on the circumstances of the case." In other words, the law lords now enjoy a greater discretion to "mould and re-

legal certainty by creating a retrospective crime could be considered a small price to pay. Lord Keith suggested that the common law was "capable of evolving in the light of social, economic and cultural developments". Such developments give rise to new ethical dilemmas. In the case of *Bland*, the House of Lords decided that a doctor could lawfully withhold life-sustaining drugs from a coma patient who had no hope of recovery. Lord Browne-Wilkinson dissented because he believed that the social, moral and legal issues raised by the case were the domain of Parliament rather than the courts. The dissenting judgment serves to highlight that the majority were prepared to push out the constitutional boundaries.

The constitutional role of the law lords has also been profoundly affected by our membership with Europe. By virtue of the 1972 European Communities Act, European Commission law takes precedent over any inconsistent national measures. The cold reality of this was illustrated in 1991 when the Transport Secretary was taken to court by a group of Spanish fishermen who claimed that the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act was contrary to EC legislation and should therefore be suspended. The House of Lords found in their favour.

Commission law has conferred on us new rights and expectations, and any enforcement of those rights will require domestic avenues to be exhausted first. This means that the courts will be obliged to review a statutory rule or policy against a European standard. Such a role is similar to that of the Supreme Court of the United States, where judges are called on to decide whether a legal provision meets the criteria of a constitutional Bill of Rights. It also poses the danger of politicising the judges.

So it is apparent that the lions are no longer sitting at the feet of the King. Far from it. The latter half of this century has witnessed a revolution in judicial thinking and this is borne out by the decisions of the law lords in the 1990s and the emergence of a new Supreme Court. The law lords have claimed previously uncharted legal territory and pushed out the boundaries on judicial creativity. So far so good. However, their role in enforcing EC law could drag them into the political arena. Ironically then, the circumstances which have helped to produce a "new Supreme Court" could also lead to its downfall if it is allowed to lose its impartiality.

Why Howard's law is a public danger

The Crime (Sentences) Bill returns to the Lords on Thursday for its report stage — in practice, the last chance to debate the principles of the Bill. Its key provision — the introduction of automatic life sentences for offenders convicted for a second time of certain "serious offences" — has been opposed by senior judges, including the Lord Chief Justice.

They argue that it will restrict judicial discretion, result in unjust sentences, lead to unmerited acquittals and possibly result in the commission of even more serious crimes by offenders who know that they will face an automatic life sentence in any event.

Powerful though these arguments are, they obscure the most serious objection: that the automatic life sentence will utterly fail in its stated purpose of increasing the protection of the public.

Take three examples, all based on recent court cases. Defendant A tries to rob a small post office; his weapon is a cucumber concealed in a plastic bag. He has previously been convicted of a similar offence.

Defendant B breaks into a house in the small hours of the morning, knowing that it is occupied by a young woman and her small children. He enters her bedroom intending to rape her, but when she wakes up her screams wake the children, and the combined noise persuades him to leave. Defendant B has a previous conviction for rape committed in almost identical circumstances.

Defendant C commits a series of sexual attacks on women over a period of several years. The attacks, which include rapes, are carried out with potentially lethal violence. Psychiatrists say that he is an aggressive psychopath who is likely to commit further similar offences. He has no previous convictions.

Of these three defendants, only A will qualify for Mr Howard's automatic life sentence. He has been convicted of a "serious offence" — robbery while in possession of an imitation firearm — and has a previous conviction for a similar offence. The court will not be able to find "exceptional circumstances", as



Automatic life sentencing will let dangerous men go free, says David Thomas

all offences of robbery while in possession of an imitation firearm by definition involve fake weapons.

Defendant B will not qualify for an automatic life sentence, because his offence, burglary with intent to rape, is not a "serious offence" for the purpose of the Bill. The court will have to pass a determinate sentence, not exceeding 14 years.

Defendant C has committed a "serious offence" — in fact a number of serious offences — but he will not qualify for an automatic life sentence as he has not previously been convicted of a "serious offence". To qualify for an automatic life sentence, it is not sufficient to commit a second serious offence (as Mr Howard frequently tells the media); the second serious offence must be committed after the defendant has been convicted of the first. Defendant C may find himself with a life sentence, but only if the judge in the exercise of his discretion decides to pass one.

These examples are only a few of the many which could be given of the absurdities and anomalies

which will result. What is the logic of requiring an automatic life sentence for a man who carries out robberies while armed with a toy pistol, but not for a man who robs while armed with a real knife?

The whole argument for bringing in automatic life sentences rests on Mr Howard's frequently quoted statistic that in 1994, 217 offenders were convicted of a second "serious offence" and only ten of them were sentenced to life imprisonment. No details of these cases have been published. All that is known about them is that in only two did the Attorney-General refer the case to the Court of Appeal on the ground that the sentence was unduly lenient.

Mr Howard's explanation that the Attorney-General cannot refer a long determinate sentence to the Court of Appeal on the ground that it is unduly lenient is quite simply wrong. The Attorney-General can, and does, refer such cases. One recent example is the case of Orlando Baker, heard in the Court of Appeal in May 1996, where the Court of Appeal increased a sentence of nine years for rape to life imprisonment; the same action was taken in October 1995 in the case of Sylvester Semper, where eight years was increased to life. There are other examples.

The reality is that courts do not award discretionary life sentences in the arbitrary and capricious way Mr Howard implies. There are well-defined criteria, laid down in case law 30 years ago, and recently restated by the Lord Chief Justice in another case where a life sentence was substituted on a reference by the Attorney-General.

They emphasise the dangerousness of the offender, rather than the accident of the particular offence of which he has been convicted. If they are wrong or inadequate, Parliament might be wise to consider how they could be improved — rather than devise an extra system that will merely produce anomalies and not help the courts to deal with truly dangerous offenders who at present escape a discretionary life sentence as a result of quirks in the statutory law.

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ATHLETICS

Promoters increase cash flow

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THE athletics shop window is undergoing refurbishment. Nobody could argue that the introduction of prize-money and world record bonuses did not have the desired beneficial effect on the world indoor championships here, but the refitters are not finished. The concept of match racing was given a novel twist at the weekend with the announcement of a \$1 million two-mile challenge between Haile Gebrselassie and Noureddine Morceli.

Other developments under consideration are a streamlined International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) grand prix and the introduction of events for veterans on the professional circuit. As the British Athletic Federation recognised, with its jazzed-up, though not necessarily improved, presentation of its indoor grand prix meeting a fortnight ago, the sport needs to move with the times. Selected veterans events would appeal in the same way that golf and tennis sells its seniors competitions to people who enjoy being led down memory lane.

More significant, though, is the way that athletics is changing in the trend towards head-to-head races. Promoters cannot claim them as new, far from it, given that Walter George and others were attracting spectators in tens of thousands last century. However, the sums of money now luring the best athletes into the kind of confrontations that Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett avoided are proving irresistible for the athletes.

There will be in excess of \$1 million (about £670,000) at stake when Donovan Bailey races Michael Johnson over 150 metres in Toronto on June 1, with several other well-paid head-to-heads on the undercard, such as Allen Johnson versus Colin Jackson.

Now Jos Hermens, the Dutch promoter, has given notice that he will stage Gebrselassie against Morceli the day before in Hengelo, Holland. The race differs from the Toronto sprint in that the \$1 million will be paid only if the time goal is

achieved and is unlike the monotonous proliferation of the middle and long distance world record attempts because two athletes, rather than one, will be following the pacemakers. When Gebrselassie and Morceli meet, they will have one eye for the world record, one for each other.

Hermens is to invite Sir Roger Bannister to start the race for a sub-eight-minute two miles, 43 years after he was first to achieve the four-minute mile. "The loser gets nothing," Hermens said, except his "normal" appearance fee. The same goes for the winner, unless he breaks eight minutes.

The aspect concerning some is that the shoe company putting up the money is stamping on the sport's toes by inviting only its own contracted athletes, leaving out Daniel Komen, who is sponsored by a rival manufacturer. Hermens accepts the criticism, but insists that athletics still stands to benefit.

"It is to show the outside world we are a professional sport," Hermens said. "We need this kind of thing, otherwise we are losing the battle against sports like basketball, Formula One and tennis. The sport will survive, but no more than that."

The IAAF grand prix has no title sponsor. "Sponsors are interested only in these kind of things," Hermens added. "If you look at the viewing figures in Britain, it [the decline] is dramatic. This will have a big impact."

Yekaterina Podkopayeva, 44, having had a battle royal with Mary Slaney, 38, for the 1,500 metres gold medal here, underlined to Sandro Giovannelli, the IAAF competitions director, that professional veteran racing may have a future. The money in the sport has kept athletes at it for longer — Christie and Merlene Ottey are still racing at 36 — and keen competition among the forty-somethings, reviving memories of earlier Olympic rivalries, is worth discussing. "The idea is a good one and we have to investigate it," Giovannelli said.



Susanti has enjoyed the most successful singles career of the professional era

Susanti seeks fitting farewell

POUL-ERIK HOYER'S attempt to become the first player for 23 years to win three successive singles titles may attract the most attention at the Yonex All-England badminton championships, which start at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham today.

Hoyer, the Olympic champion, from Denmark, has almost become an honorary Englishman this year, settling as a tax exile, training and practising with the national squad in Milton Keynes and making encouraging pronouncements about how the behind-the-scenes set-up has never been better and can turn around the fortunes of the least successful group of players that the country has had.

Yet a more momentous achievement would be if Susi Susanti, from Indonesia, were to regain the women's title in the last All-England championships of the most successful singles career in the professional era. Susanti, who

Richard Eaton assesses the chances of a great champion recapturing the All-England title

should be Susanti's last tournament.

On the most recent evidence, Susanti should be more consistent than Mia Audina, the No 1 seed and Olympic silver medal-winner. In fact, Susanti may meet Ye Zhaoying, the world champion from China, in the final on Saturday if she gets the better of the teenage Audina. That would make a suitably dramatic exit at the world's oldest tournament.

The best hope of home success probably disappeared yesterday when Darren Hall withdrew with the same Achilles injury that prevented him from trying to extend his record of English national titles to nine last month.

It is ironic that one of only two British seeds in the tournament, the women's doubles combination of Kelly Morgan and Joanne Muggeridge, includes a player who has been thrown out of the national squad after a row about fitness. Muggeridge is now having to pay her own way.

MOTOR RACING

McLaren emerge from wilderness to hail new dawn

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN MELBOURNE

OUTSIDE in the sunshine, David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen stood on the pit wall and raised each other's arms in triumph, to the delight of the crowd of supporters who had split on to the track. Inside, in a corner of the McLaren garage, Ron Dennis, the team's managing director, was keeping it all in, afraid of letting his emotions run wild. "It's not my style," he said.

The temptation, though, must have been enormous. In the three seasons of blight since McLaren slipped from the pinnacle of Formula One, in the 49 races that they had endured without a win, he has been ridiculed as a vainglorious has-been who had lost the plot and was leading his team farther and farther into the wilderness.

However, in the Australian Grand Prix here on Sunday, Coulthard not only ended the McLaren drought with a stirring victory in the opening race of the season but also served notice that the championship is far from being a two-horse race between Jacques Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher.

Coulthard's win was hailed here yesterday as a victory for David over the Goliaths, but, by the beginning of the European phase of the season, at Imola in April, he could still be challenging the championship giants. Even Dennis allowed himself to join in the optimism.

"When you start to get it right," he said, "it is like pushing a snowball down a hill. It can gain momentum and size. The win in itself is important, but the best part of winning is the effect it has on the team. It makes you feel the extra desire to succeed again and only winning can do that."

"It has been a hard few years, but I think 'despair' is too strong a word for the way I have felt. If you are professional, you have to be able to understand what has changed, what you need to do to get back to winning. We have never lost the knowledge of how to win, but there have been times when we were really low. We are a stronger team this year in every sense."

Dennis, who admitted that the

team's decline was hastened by his willingness to pay Ayrton Senna so handsomely to stay with the team in 1993 and the resultant neglect of car development, said that, even if Villeneuve had not been eliminated from the race at the first corner after a rash overtaking manoeuvre from Eddie Irvine, he was confident that Coulthard could have beaten him "in a straight fight".

McLaren's optimism has also been enhanced by the fact that they have significant new developments, including Mercedes engine improvements, scheduled for introduction to the car before Imola. With those in mind, Coulthard felt confident enough yesterday to suggest that he could challenge for the title this season.

"At the beginning of the season, everyone was predicting the title would be between Jacques and Michael," he said. "I think I have shown I can mix it with them as well as anyone and I do not see any reason why that should change."

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think it is going to be a fantastic season and I have a feeling that Williams will not always be centre stage."

Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, muttered darkly about "homework" that the team had to do, particularly on counter-acting a brake overheating problem, but, for Damon Hill, his former employee, the hours spent trying to put things right with his new Arrows-Yamaha team may be considerably longer and more frustrating.

Hill remained cheerful after he was let down continually by the car throughout the weekend, but admitted that things may not improve in the next two races, in Brazil and Argentina. "It is going to be like this until we get back to Europe," Hill said. "Then the improvements will start coming through. Until then, I have just got to look at things dispassionately and try to learn from them." Maybe Ron Dennis could teach him a thing or two about that.

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A pitiable story of apparent hopelessness

It has been a screenplay instead of real life, last night's *Cutting Edge: The Lost Boy* (Channel 4) would surely have taken a different turn. It concerned Sheffield grandpa Eddie and Christine Needham searching in Greece for their missing grandson Ben, missing since 1991. Ben had been playing outside their house on Kos when he disappeared, and it was clear they still blamed themselves. Neither was an ideal subject for television, since they didn't speak well, and were often in tears — but at least we could follow their sightings of little blond boys begging, or renting sunbeds on a Cypriot beach.

And this was the odd thing about *The Lost Boy*, it seemed to me. Everywhere they looked, other little Bens were discovered leading ghastly lives, yet the Needhams

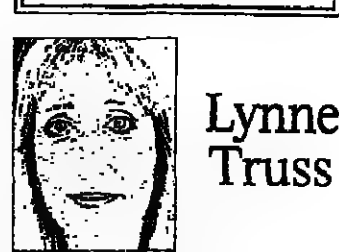
hardly noticed the hard world of child labour their search uncovered. In a Hollywood film, they'd have snatched back another kiddie to save it, mistaken the situation, and ended up in a pickle. But the Needhams just kept brushing tears from their faces and pursuing their obsessive search for Ben, while their traumatised daughter Kerry (Ben's mother) stayed at home in Sheffield bonding with a new child, and tried not to get her hopes up when a trail in Greece glowed falsely warm.

This was not an optimistic film, clearly. The rustle of leaves in an olive grove has rarely sounded so sinister as when the Needhams returned to windy Kos to show the site of Ben's abduction. Lost souls themselves, they walked dimly in the long white grass where a caravan formerly stood, shocked that all trace of it (and of themselves in happier times) had completely vanished.

Whether tellingly should show us living souls in torment is an arguable matter. But aside from publicity for the case, there seemed no other reason for Nick Godwin's compassionate film. Since the most likely fate for Ben had been illegal adoption within Greece, the Needhams' search was not by any means irrational, but it was still pretty hopeless, and was driven entirely by a self-blame unlikely ever to be assuaged. You could feel nothing for them but pity. Even though the search was destroying them, how could they desist?

The second episode of the new *Kavanagh QC* series (ITV) kept up the good work of the first with a tightly constructed mystery and one of the best concealed clues I've seen in a while. Written by Matthew Hall, this episode was called *Blood Money*, a phrase which ostensibly referred to a widow's claim for

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compensation against a negligent hospital, where her rich husband died in theatre. But actually it was simpler than that. Under cross-examination, surgeon Josette Simon finally admitted that her patient died when a blood bag was interfered with. And the reason for this? The cost of blood. Hence, you see, "blood money". Damn clever, that. *Kavanagh QC* has improved considerably since the last series,

although I have to say Kavanagh himself (John Thaw) is still a blank sheet as far as personality is concerned. "Rich", "married", "northern" and "successful" don't amount to much characterisation, although of course they do help to differentiate him from old Endeavour Morse (a quite ridiculous name, incidentally, which I firmly believe Colin Dexter invented only out of desperation, to annoy people).

Last night, Kavanagh's son got the worst A-level results on record, but I don't know why I mention it, nobody cares. The families of professional heroes — doctors, policemen, vets, pathologists — are always a bore on telly. "We never see you, you're too busy," they complain endlessly, until you want to smite them with a frying pan. The additionally annoying thing about hero spouses is that when they are not whingeing about ruined dinners, they are being

held at knifepoint by a crazed suspect. Either way, you see, they just refuse to lead independent lives.

So thumbs down to the sullen kid's tertiary education prospects, and back to court as soon as possible. Josette Simon had to wait a long time last night for her big, star-witness scene, but it was worth it when it came — she was so dignified, and spoke so beautifully, she might have been Joan of Arc. Up to that point, however, it must be noted that she relied over-much on the Janet McTeer system of reactive screen acting, which involves bulging the eyes unnaturally, as though swallowing a hard-boiled egg under duress. I can't think why directors don't tell good actresses not to do this. It does them no favours at all.

BBC's three-night *Balls to Africa* series — comedians playing football for Comic Relief — ran up

against an ethical problem in its second programme. Yes, yes, football is a global language. Yes, yes, happy faces greet the team's progress, and welcome the benefits of Comic Relief. All this is fine, even dandy. In fact, *Balls to Africa* is in every way entertaining. But a weasel doubt has been introduced: isn't it bad form to turn up in little villages to play against deserving objects of charity and beat them?

Finally, disbelieve it or not, a joke cropped up in *EastEnders* (BBC1). Yes, a joke. At a welcome-home drink, Bianca described her Spanish friend Guillermo: "He speaks four different languages and knows all about fashion!" At which, Carol quipped "Like Ricky, then?" and everyone laughed. My goodness, have the scriptwriters been watching *Coronation Street*? Don't they know the rules? Had a dancing bear performed a dying swan in the Vic, it could hardly have come as a greater surprise.

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5.00am Business Breakfast (25966)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (7) (72053)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (7) (628368)

9.20 Style Challenge (4530275)

9.45 Kilroy (4203140)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (72614)

11.00 News (7) and weather (623237)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (784996)

11.35 Change That (842388)

12.00 News (7) and weather (730566)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (523166)

12.30 Going for a Song (669127)

12.55 The Weather Show (7975701)

1.00 News (7) and weather (76140)

1.30 Regional News (83432546)

1.40 Neighbours Libby and Darren decide to put their relationship on hold (7) (1172903)

2.05 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (516103)

2.30 As Time Goes By (5055904)

3.20 Noble Causes (2684483)

3.25 Video Nation Shorts (7703512)

3.30 Playdays (521782) 3.50 Casper Classics (664811) 3.55 Hubbub (6668350) 4.10 Prince of Atlantis (1280072) 4.35 The Mask (8235458) 5.00 Newsround (7) (3563362) 5.10 Grange Hill (576864)

5.35 Neighbours (7) (712850)

6.00 News (7) and weather (459)

6.30 Newsround South East (411)

7.00 Holiday Featuring a safari in South Africa; Andalusia; and the Greek island of Kos. Plus: Guernsey and Liverpool (7) (8701)

7.30 EastEnders (7) (695)

8.00 Children's Hospital Profile of anaesthetist Fiona Reynolds (7) (4121)

8.30 999 Lifesavers Acts of heroism and bravery, including: a baby who was trapped in a bath on a 11-year-old who knew how to deal with a human fireball and fight to save a deer from a river (7) (3255)

9.00 News (7) and weather (9868)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave Victor's blood reaches boiling point when he is asked to linger in the solicitor's waiting room (7) (42512)

10.00 Crimewatch UK Nick Ross and Jill Dando appeal for information on a gang who shot and seriously wounded a security guard outside a supermarket (7) (722935)

10.50 Corio Relief: Balls to Africa The last of three special reports. A photographic diary of the Spelling Bee tour has been published with all proceeds going to Comic Relief (7) (771850) WALSLEY: 10.50 One Foot in the Grave 11.20 Corio Relief: Balls to Africa 12.00 FILM: Pyrates 1.30 News

11.20 Crimewatch UK Update (541441)

11.30 Pyrates (1991) Erotic comedy, with Kevin Bacon and Kyla Sedgwick. A photography student meets his ideal woman in the shape of an alluring thief. Directed by Nash Stein (50504)

1.00am Weather (3384522)

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11.15 Le Club (61275) 11.30 Animated

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Hear! (81508) 12.30pm Working Lunch

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Steady, Cook (508) 5.00 Esther (3876)

5.30 Seniors Pot Back featuring Terry

Griffiths (188)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (7) (542527)

6.25 Heartbreak High (7) (549701)

7.10 The O Zone (922169)

7.25 Delta's Red Nose Collection with

Gareth Blacklock alias Larry Henry (7)

(394382)

7.30 From the Edge (237)

8.00 The House Detectives: Church Farm

A 17th-century Wiltshire farmhouse hides a

far more sinister history (5091)

8.30 Food and Drink The first of two features

celebrating British regional food and

Italian wines for under £5 (7) (1898)

9.00 Timewatch: Secret Memories

British agents who worked in occupied

Europe during the Second World War give

their first-hand accounts of a dangerous

mission which claimed the lives of so many

of their colleagues. Whether acting as

wireless operators, couriers, saboteurs or

organisers of resistance groups, the agents

faced the continuous risk of exposure and

with it arrest, interrogation and the

concentration camp. What little footage

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nothing away under ferocious questioning.

Network First: All in the Genes

ITV, 10.40pm

A film about the revolution in genetic

engineering, visits the institute in Scotland

which produced Dolly the sheep and shows

the current anxieties about the prospect of

cloning not just animals but Einstein or

CHOICE

Loved By You

ITV, 8.30pm

It is sitcom time in a London flat where

recently-wed Michael and Kate (John

Gordon-Sinclair and Treva McDowell) are

discovering that married life is not quite the

state of bliss they had hoped for. In particular,

their attempts to have time to themselves are

frustrated by pressures of work and the

unwanted distractions of her neurotic sister,

his loutish best mate and irritating married

friends. The plot tonight is about sex, rather

explicately, as far as pre-watershed trans-

mission. Like an increasing number of

comedies hitting our screens, *Loved By You*

is an imported American format, which may

explain why it depends more on snappy one-

liners than the development of character.

Gordon-Sinclair's droll playing is an asset to

any comedy, and he is supported by a lively

cast, but the challenge will be to ring the

changes on what seems like a limited joke.

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the current anxieties about the prospect of

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Hitlers. But the main thrust of the

programme is towards less controversial

applications of genetics, notably in the

treatment and cure of diseases. It assesses

the possible role of gene therapy in cancer

treatment, the control of Alzheimer's disease

and, not least, in helping to combat genetic

conditions which condemn too many

children to stunted lives and early death. It

is the sort of subject where it is easier to raise

questions than to provide answers. But if

Network First is still running in ten years'

time it could be in position to offer much

more definite news.

The House Trap

BBC2, 11.15pm

This sombre series features families who are

struggling to hold on to their houses against

the threat of repossession. The stories follow

CHOICE

5.00am GMTV (667614)

9.25 Chain Letters (4515666)

9.55 Regional News (7) (5307053)

10.00 The Time, the Place (63817)

10.30 This Morning (7) (7199102)

12.20pm Regional News (7305898)

12.30 News (7) weather (619633)

12.55 Shortland Street (7) (6634324) 1.25

Home and Away (7) (4729140) 1.50

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3.25 Regional News (7) (4908940)

3.30 Potamus Park (3713689) 3.40 Wizards

(7) (9743782) 3.50 Bumble's Bucket (7)

(9749665) 4.00 Scooby Doo (7) 4.15 Hey

Arnold! (7) (1274411) 4.40 Firefighters

(7) (4127548)

5.10 Getaways Last in holiday magazine

presented by Anne Gregg (7) (5464527)

5.40 News (7) and weather (795256)

6.00 Home and Away (7) (539053)

6.25 HTV Weather (448362)

6.30 HTV News (7) (879)

7.00 Emmerdale When he loses his job, Bill

turns to gambling in an attempt to provide



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Richard Dunwoody on the demands of Cheltenham Festival



Angry Lloyd reassured

Lamb brews up storm in a teacup

BY ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

DAVID LLOYD, the England cricket coach, was at home in Cheshire yesterday, contentedly catching up on correspondence and planning a trip to the Cheltenham Festival, when his post-tour reverie was disturbed by what was widely interpreted as an official threat to his job. Lloyd became anxious, then angry, and it was late on a bizarre day before he received personal reassurances approximating to an apology.

The impetus for the day's events arose from comments made in Birmingham on Saturday by Tim Lamb, the chief executive of the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), Lloyd's employer. Lamb's remarks, made while addressing a meeting of the Council of Cricket Societies, were sharply critical of the coach and his players on the Zimbabwe leg of the winter tour.

Their timing and asperity were more remarkable than their familiar content, given that the team has just returned from a near clean-sweep of the Tests in New Zealand, but such criticism was hardly designed to put Lloyd at ease with a meeting of the England management committee scheduled to analyse the lessons of the tour on Thursday.

The Press Association reported the remarks as "England chiefs horrified at tour party antics". Teletext services came up with still more dramatic headlines. Quickly, the item became the lead story on radio sports news. "A major row is brewing," Radio 5 Live's sports presenter promised — and Lloyd's phone line was suddenly blocked by media callers asking if he intended to resign.

While Lloyd digested these developments with bewilderment, Lamb was obliviously

immersed in the Monday morning executives' meeting at Lord's. The coach was left to fume. When Lamb emerged, he failed to reach Lloyd and was left to issue a placatory statement that could be thought either an attempt at damage limitation or the disingenuous vote of confidence beloved of football chairmen.

"We are 100 per cent behind David Lloyd and the England management," Lamb said, an assurance which sat somewhat uncomfortably next to his reported sayings of barely 24 hours earlier. On Saturday, in what he had believed to be a closed meeting, Lamb had said that both he and Lord MacLaurin of Knebworth, the board chairman, "were absolutely horrified by what we saw in Zimbabwe. We were very, very disturbed by some of the things we came across".

Lamb went on to reflect once more on Lloyd's notorious outburst after the Bulawayo Test match — "completely inappropriate" — and the presentation of the England team. "We understand their demeanour was fairly negative and not particularly attractive," he said, adding that

this was a factor in the withdrawal of Tetley Bitter from its sponsorship of the national team.

It was early evening before Lamb and Lloyd finally spoke. "It's fair to say David had been pretty upset earlier in the day," Lamb said, "but I assured him that I had said nothing that I hadn't already said to his face. I also told him that he is in this job on a two-year contract and I am right behind him."

Privately, Lamb was aggrieved that his comments had been taken out of context, ignoring his subsequently expressed enthusiasm for the improvement in demeanour and performance on the second leg of the tour. "I also told the meeting that I didn't want to dwell on the past, which was precisely what the reports led David to think I was doing," Lamb said.

It was, eventually, a non-story, a classic rattling of the teacups. Lloyd is in no more danger of losing his job than Michael Atherton, the captain, and though neither of them will be present when the England committee debates the winter this week, their forward planning for the Ashes series this summer, and beyond, will continue. "I honestly don't feel under pressure," Lloyd said. "Quite the opposite, in fact."

There was, however, a relevant message behind the madness of the day, which is that the public remains as interested in the image projected by the England team as in its results. Bob Bennett, the chairman of the England committee, had personal experience of this when he managed a heavily criticised tour of India four years ago and Lloyd is now discovering that victory alone cannot banish disapproval over appearance and etiquette.

These matters will be on the agenda, along with the perennially thorny issue of media relations, when the players gather for a two-day personal development seminar during April. Given the direction of the spurious stories of yesterday, however, it is worth saying that this seminar, with its worthy intentions, was initiated by Lloyd himself.

□ The "Headingley is Home" action group, which has fought against Yorkshire County Cricket Club's proposed removal to a greenfield site at Durkar, near Wakefield, has disbanded in the wake of the overwhelming vote in favour of the move at the club's annual meeting (Simon Wilde writes).

□ The action group is bound by the wishes of the members, a spokeswoman said yesterday, "but we are very upset at the way Saturday's meeting — I won't dignify it with the word debate — was conducted. There was no proper consideration of the issues. We were railroaded."

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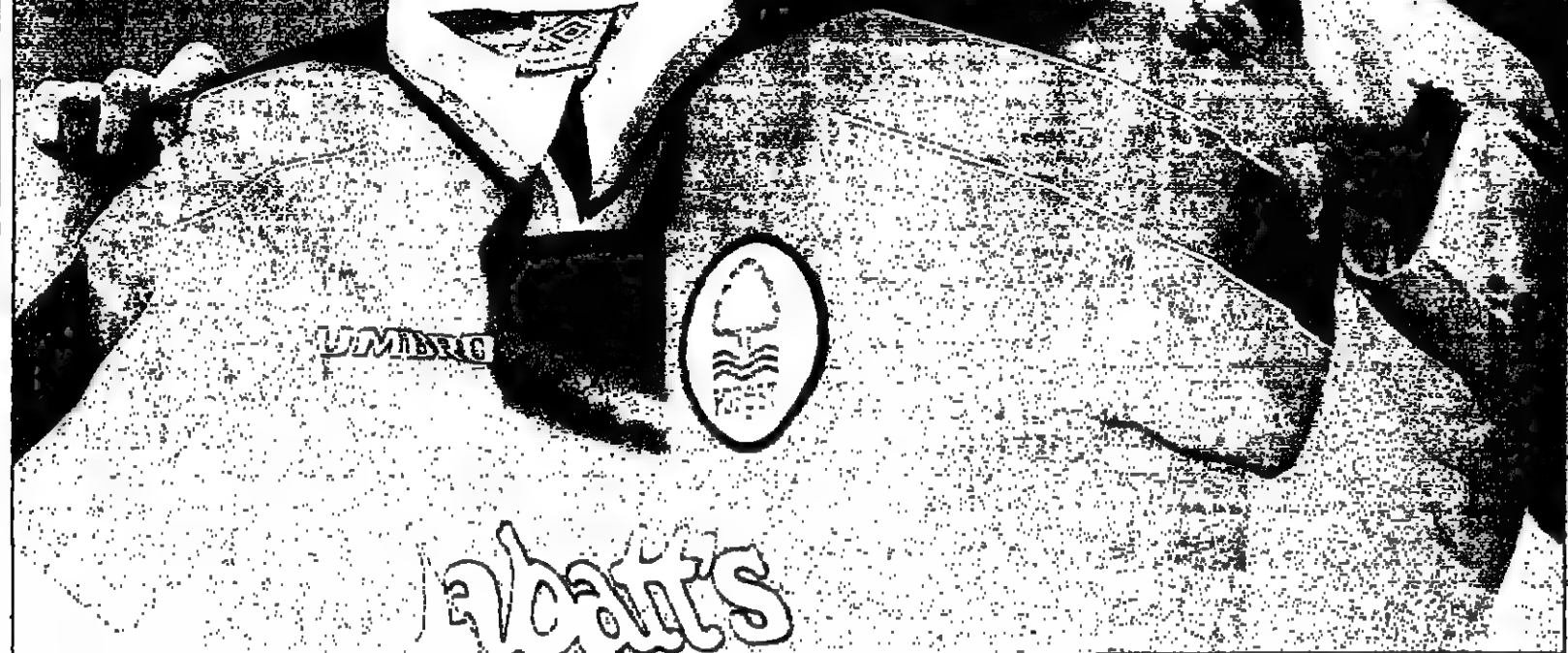
Lydon declares national interest

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

AFTER making 30 appearances for his country, Joe Lydon is better placed than most to recommend a new national team coach. As rugby league's first technical director, Lydon will take a leading role in the appointment and the creation of a pyramid playing structure from schools through to senior Great Britain level.

Phil Larder's contract as Britain coach is not expected to be renewed when it expires in June. Andy Gregory, the Salford coach and a former colleague of Lydon at club and international level, coached Britain in the recent World Nines. He is the favourite for the job, but Lydon said that he had an open mind and was even prepared to look at overseas candidates.

At one stage, it looked as



Van Hooijdonk holds aloft the Nottingham Forest shirt that he expects to wear for the first time for his new club at Blackburn tonight

Forest go Dutch in fight for survival

BY RICHARD HOBSON

NOTTINGHAM Forest spent the first chunk of the £16 million invested by their new owners yesterday when Pierre van Hooijdonk, the Holland international, arrived at the City Ground from Celtic in a deal that could eventually be worth £4.5 million. The down payment is £3 million with a further £500,000 forthcoming if Forest, who are third from bottom, escape relegation from the FA Carling Premiership.

The remaining £1 million will be paid subject to Van Hooijdonk, 27, scoring 20 goals in each of the next two seasons. However, with just 24 goals in 29 Premiership games this season, Forest are desperate for him to blend into his new surroundings immediately. He will make his debut against Blackburn Rovers at Ewood Park this evening as

Forest attempt to stretch the gap between Middlesbrough, West Ham United, Southampton and themselves.

Irving Scholar, the Forest football consultant, decreed that a striker was the priority signing within hours of shareholders accepting the takeover offer of his consortium 15 days ago. One of Van Hooijdonk's biggest attractions was his immediate availability. Forest turned towards him after a £2.5 million offer to Leeds United for Brian Deane had been turned down and Scholar concluded negotiations with Fergus McCann, the Celtic managing director, over the weekend.

His arrival on a five-year contract may precipitate the departure from the club of Bryan Roy, another Dutchman. Until yesterday Roy was the club's record signing at £2.9 million, but he has struggled, as has the side overall,

since Stan Collymore was sold to Liverpool in the summer of 1995. Roy, signed after the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States, is expected to move to Holland during the close season.

Van Hooijdonk enjoyed happy times at Celtic Park after his £1.5 million signing from NAC Breda two years ago, but recently fell out with Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, in a dispute over wages. The relationship deteriorated last week when Van Hooijdonk was omitted from the Scottish Cup tie against Rangers.

Burns said yesterday that he was wary of the effect of disputes with Van Hooijdonk. "You can't run the risk of things like that spreading through your football club," he said yesterday. "I just felt that it was in the best interests of the player and our best interests for him to go."

Jorge Cadere and Paolo Di Canio have formed an effective pairing up front and, with previous interest from Aston Villa and West Ham, it seemed only a matter of time before Van Hooijdonk arrived in the Premiership.

"There is a right time to leave and that time had arrived," Van Hooijdonk said. "I have to help to try to keep Forest in the Premiership, but I do not look at the situation and think I am being brought in to do that alone." Indeed, speculation immediately centred on the identity of the next arrival. Des Walker, the Sheffield Wednesday defender, who still lives in Nottingham, and Carlton Palmer, the Leeds United midfielder, are believed to be targets.

Stuart Pearce, the Forest caretaker-manager, typically gave little away at Van Hooijdonk's unveiling, preferring instead to endorse his new signing. "I hope it is to our advantage that he has a point to prove to Celtic," Pearce said. "He is an international-class player and I do not think there is any extra responsibility on him because of our predicament."

Van Hooijdonk has been unable to secure a regular place in the Holland side, his prospects hindered by his recent problems at Celtic. "The situation there was not brilliant," he said, with more than a hint of understatement. "It was important to be a member of somebody's first team and not just a squad member because of the international situation and I am desperately keen to play in the World Cup finals in France next year."

High noon start for semi-final

BY PETER BALL

THE Metropolitan Police will have a busy morning on Sunday, April 13. The FA Cup semi-final between Chelsea and Wimbledon kicks off at Highbury at noon, 2½ hours after the start of the London Marathon.

"When there is a high-profile match at a neutral venue, it is policy to kick off as early as possible," Steve Double, the FA spokesman, said. The second semi-final, between Middlesbrough and Chesterfield at 3pm, takes Bryan Robson, the Middlesbrough manager, back to Old Trafford, the ground that he graced as a player for Manchester United for so many years. With the capacity now 55,000, tickets should be plentiful, for once.



SEMI-FINALS
Wimbledon v Chelsea
(at Highbury, 12.0, BBC1)
Middlesbrough v Chesterfield
(at Old Trafford, 3.0, Sky Sports)
□ Both ties to be played on April 13

It will be another matter at Highbury, even though Wimbledon's home gates are so low. They are enjoying their best season, Chelsea provide glamorous opposition and Highbury is unlikely to be big enough to hold all those who want to see the game. With an impressive record

against Arsenal at Highbury, however, Wimbledon are delighted to be going there. "We couldn't be more pleased," Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "We just hope our luck holds out at Highbury, because we are unbeaten in the past nine games there against Arsenal. We beat them 1-0 just a couple of weeks ago, and it will give us a real lift to play in that great stadium again."

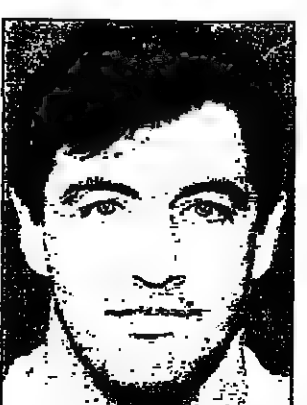
They might be going there twice, with Highbury also named as the venue, should the match require a replay, on Tuesday, April 22. If Middlesbrough, who, like Wimbledon, are on course for trips to Wembley in both cup competitions, draw with Chesterfield, the match would be replayed at Hillsborough, Sheffield.

professional and amateur governing bodies.

The possibility of a repeat of the 1996 Silk Cut Challenge Cup final was maintained by the semi-final draw last night, which kept apart St Helens and Bradford Bulls. In the first match, on Saturday week, St Helens, the holders, encounter Salford, who have beaten three fellow Super League opponents so far.

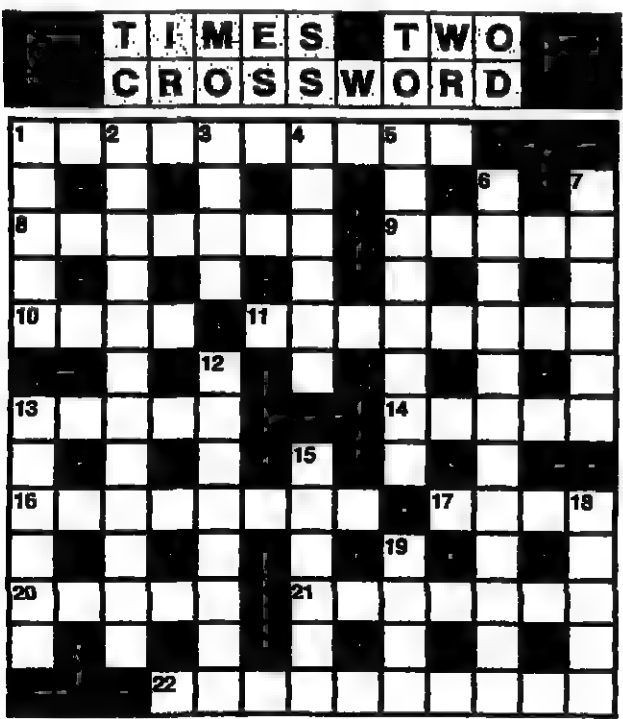
On the form that Bradford displayed in winning away to Oldham on Sunday, Leeds face a difficult task in avoiding a repeat of their 1996 semi-final defeat by the Bulls. Leeds have made the last four for four consecutive years, but it is 19 years since they won the trophy. Bradford last triumphed at Wembley in 1949. SEMI-FINAL DRAWS: March 22: St Helens v Salford Reds, March 29: Bradford Bulls v Leeds Rhinos. Venues to be announced

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Lydon: ambition

Development, funding initiatives, co-ordination of international schedules and liaison with the Super League International Board will take up much of Lydon's time, but he also sees a role for himself as a broker in the troubled unification process between the pro-



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 - Sherlock Holmes's antagonist (8)
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 - Roman town, buried by Vesuvius (7)
 - Blowfly; policeman (slang) (10)
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 - Formal dinner wear (7,5)
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 - "I am constant as the star" (J. Keats) (8)
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SCHOOLS REPORT

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THE FIRST LEAGUE TABLES OF TEST RESULTS IN ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Shirley Hardett, the head teacher, with some of her pupils at Shenington CE school, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, which was one of 15 schools across England to achieve the maximum number of Level 4 grades or above

Primary school results reveal wide variations

John O'Leary assesses the value of the first national league table of the standards achieved by 11-year-olds

Almost 13,000 schools feature in the first primary league tables, the biggest public information exercise since the abolition of the Education and Employment Secretary's league tables.

Bigger than the secondary school tables, the two million Government booklets will cost some 390 tonnes of paper, the whole operation costing £1.3 million. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, claims the results will "shine a bright light into every classroom in the land".

The process has been bitterly contested by teachers and some school governors, however. As with the secondary tables, many educationists believe the results reflect the nature of a school's intake more than the quality of teaching. Both Government and Opposition are committed to the development of "value added" measures to iron out such differences, but the raw scores still make revealing reading. Even within schools, there can be wide variations between subjects, which cannot be explained by intake, and there are often marked differences between neighbouring schools.

The tables are based on classroom tests in English, mathematics and science taken by 11-year-olds last May. Each school is rated on the proportion of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum, the normal expectation for the age group.

The percentages for each subject have been supplied by the Department for Education and Employment. Schools have been ranked by *The Times* within their local authority area using an aggregate of the scores for the three subjects. Because the department's statistics are rounded to the nearest whole number, the process of aggregation could misplace some schools where scores are within a point of each other. Where the aggregate scores are equal,

schools are listed in alphabetical order. Almost 80 schools with an incomplete set of results have had to be omitted. A quarter of them lost some or all of their test papers in a series of bizarre incidents, including a parcel van robbery and a fire. The remainder boycotted at least one of the tests, some refusing even to submit returns on the number of pupils eligible for tests.

The question of eligibility has been highly controversial, even spawning an unsuccessful High Court challenge by a village school in Essex. Ministers decided to make no allowance for pupils who were absent for the tests or excused because of extreme learning difficulties. The system, which mirrors the arrangements for GCSE tables, is designed to prevent schools encouraging absence among low-achievers. But the effect has been to depress some schools' scores quite considerably.

Booklets on each local authority will show the level of absence and the numbers with special educational needs, as well as the teachers' own assessment of their pupils. Lack of space prevents these measures being reproduced here, although they will appear in *The Times Educational Supplement* on Friday. The booklets will include a section designed to "put the results in context", including a

warning that a high proportion of pupils with special needs can distort a school's results. Governors at 1,639 schools joined a protest campaign initiated by the National Association of Head Teachers, refusing to submit the results of teacher assessment. However, because the tests were marked externally, they could not prevent these results appearing, even if in some cases schools refused to verify their accuracy.

More than 1,000 schools were excluded in any case because they had fewer than ten pupils sitting the tests. Ministers decided that such results would run the risk of identifying individual children. Preparatory schools were also excluded, although many did take the tests. The private sector is not obliged to follow the national curriculum, and some of the best-known prep schools would have been missing from the lists.

Taken as a whole, the schools that do appear in the tables show a significant improvement on the 1995 results. The average for English and mathematics is 10 per cent higher than the previous year's figure. Standards in science were readjusted for 1996 because the results had been so far out of line with the other two subjects.

Teacher assessments were also much closer to the test results than in 1995, despite

the Association of Teachers and Lecturers' claim that only 10 per cent of it members thought the tests a fair reflection of pupils' achievement. Nevertheless, some anomalies stand out: Tyne View School in Gateshead, for example, assessed that 31 per cent of pupils had reached Level 4 in English, when none did so in the test. In 1,550 schools, three-quarters of pupils achieved Level 4 or above in all three tests. But, at the other end of the scale, one school in 20 saw fewer than a third of 11-year-olds reach this mark. In some local authorities, barely a third of all pupils reached Level 4.

The results will also reopen the debate about the effect of class size on children's performance. Kingston upon Thames, where 70 per cent of primary school pupils are in classes of more than 30, appears in the top ten authorities, while Hackney, in east London, which has fewer than 5 per cent in groups of more than 30, is bottom.

These tables may be the last, as well as the first, to be published nationally. Labour is planning to place an onus on local authorities to publish their own tables, rather than having a Government operation. David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman, says that parents could then see the results before they have to make their choice of school.

Mrs Shephard is also considering changes. The basis for calculation could alter next year and she has promised to "slim down" the tests and have them marked out of 100, rather than using national curriculum levels.

Whatever the format, however, some form of primary school league table seems certain to survive. The Government is even planning to extend the process to the seven-year-olds' tests.

TOP SCORING SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS ENGLAND

Columns are the percentage of pupils gaining Level 4 or above in each subject. Schools are rated by aggregate scores

SCHOOLS SCORING 300	Eng	Maths	Sci	SCHOOLS SCORING 200	Eng	Maths	Sci
Clifton CE, Ashbourne, Derbyshire	100	100	100	Clifton End, Mkt Harborough, Northants	92	100	100
Crookham Hill CE, Edenbridge, Kent	100	100	100	Hawridge & Cholesbury CE, Chesham, Bucks	100	92	100
Culworth End CE, Banbury, Northamptonshire	100	100	100	Longney CE, Langney, Gloucestershire	92	100	100
Dianford Airfield, Thirsk, North Yorkshire	100	100	100				
Duddon St Peter's CE, Tarporley, Cheshire	100	100	100	SCORING 201			
Healdon, Brackley, Northamptonshire	100	100	100	Berrynarbor VC, Ilfracombe, Devon	91	100	100
Mellor, Stockport, Cheshire	100	100	100	Dalton Listerdale, Rotherham	100	94	97
Our Lady of Compassion, Formby, Sefton	100	100	100	Greenmount, Bury	87	97	97
Shenington CE, Banbury, Oxfordshire	100	100	100	Norley CE, Norley, Warrington, Cheshire	100	100	91
St John Bosco RC, Maghull, Sefton	100	100	100	Sissinghurst CE, Cranbrook, Kent	91	100	100
St Michael's Barnford CE, Heywood, Rochdale	100	100	100	The Oaks, Bolton	94	100	97
Starforth Morritt CE, Barnard Castle, Durham	100	100	100	Whitchurch, Whitchurch-on-Th, Oxfordshire	100	91	100
The Fairway, Mill Hill, Barnet NW7	100	100	100				
Threshfield, Skipton, North Yorkshire	100	100	100	SCORING 200			
Wymeswold CE, Loughborough, Leicestershire	100	100	100	Gulldon Sutton CE, Gulldon Sutton, Cheshire	98	100	97
				St John's RC, Baldock, Hertfordshire	95	95	100
				St Mark's RC, Swinton, Salford	95	100	95
SCORING 297				St Paulinus RC, Guisborough, Redcar/Cleveland	95	100	95
St George & St Teresa, Solihull	100	100	97	St Peter's CE, East Bridgford, Notts	100	95	95
SCORING 296				Water Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire	95	100	95
High Ham CE, Langport, Somerset	100	96	100	Whitaker Moss, Rochdale	95	100	95
SCORING 295							
Kingsley & Newton, Kingsley, Cheshire	95	100	100	SCORING 293			
St Joseph's RC (VA), Thame, Oxfordshire	95	100	100	Barton CE, Richmond, North Yorkshire	94	94	100
St Patrick's RC, Walton-le-Dale, Preston	95	100	100	Garstang, Garstang, Preston, Lancashire	94	97	97
				Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire	94	94	100
SCORING 294				Mension, Bideford, Devon	94	94	100
Gawsworth, Macclesfield, Cheshire	97	100	97	Reepham CE, Reepham, Lincolnshire	92	95	100
Great Witley CE, Hereford/Worcester	100	94	100	Rough Close CE (A), Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs	94	100	94
High Hesket CE, Carlisle, Cumbria	94	100	100	Scawby, Scawby, Brigg, N Lincolnshire	97	94	97
Moseley CE, Birmingham	100	100	94	St Anne's RC, Ormskirk, Lancashire	94	97	97
The Hugo Meynell CE, nr Mkt Drayton, Staffs	100	97	97	St Jerome's RC, Formby, Sefton	94	94	100
St Peter & St Paul RC, Lichfield, Staffs	100	94	100	Woodplumpton CE, Woodplumpton, Preston	94	94	100
Whickham, Whickham, Gateshead	100	97	97				
SCORING 293				SCORING 297			
Little Reddings, Bushey, Hertfordshire	93	100	100	Saltersgate, Doncaster	95	95	97
Shanton St Columba, Chippenham, Wiltshire	93	100	100	St Gabriel's RC, Stoke-on-Trent, Cheshire	93	97	97
				St John Baptist CE, Kingston-U-Thames	96	93	98
SCORING 292				Warley Town, Halifax, Calderdale	97	100	100
Acton CE, Nantwich, Cheshire	100	92	100				
Birchwith CE, Harrogate, North Yorkshire	100	92	100	SCORING 296			
Camblesforth, Selby, North Yorkshire	92	100	100	Archbishop Hutton's, Cernforth, Lancashire	100	93	95
				Lyddard Millant CE, Lyddard Millant, Wilt	100	98	100
				Perran-ar-Morwell, Truro, Cornwall	93	93	100
				Thurleston CE, Thurleston, Leicestershire	98	100	100

A lesson in excellence

What does it take to be up among the elite? David Charter went to find out

Shenington Primary School seems the archetypal village school, set in a traditional Victorian building in the heart of rural England.

However the 90-pupil school on Oxfordshire's border with Warwickshire is far from backward-thinking and owes its success in the primary school league tables to a host of dynamic initiatives.

All the children learn how to use calculators and computers from the age of four and the latest plan is to acquire lap-top computers for them. French is taught from age four and many of the juniors are members of after-school Spanish and Latin clubs.

Shenington belongs to the elite group of 15 primary schools where pupils achieved 100 per cent success in last summer's English, mathematics and science tests for 11-year-olds.

Several characteristics of the table-topping schools are apparent. Two-thirds are church schools, and all are in village or suburban locations. None had more than one class taking the tests on which the table is based, and the average year size was 17, which means the children are often taught in mixed year classes.

A closer look at inspectors' reports on the five of the schools which have been assessed by Ofsted shows many of their pupils have been to nursery school or

playgroup and very few have special educational needs, or receive free school meals, an indicator of the economic status of families. The inspectors also often mention the schools' caring, family atmospheres and the strong support they receive from parents and governors.

These are also features of the schools which have yet to be inspected. Threshfield Primary, deep in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and surrounded by fields of sheep, can count on the Northern School of Puppetry to entertain pupils. It is run by two of the parents.

Helen Jarvis, head teacher for five years, says she has huge support from parents who almost all take advantage of a scheme to work alongside their children in school. "They can stay as long as they like, provided they don't overcrowd me," says Mrs Jarvis. She also runs eight after-school clubs with her three teachers.

with activities ranging from poetry to gardening, art and guitars. "We are workaholics and we love it," she says.

At Shenington, four teachers share the children in mixed age groups, with the three oldest years taught in a class of 38 pupils by the head teacher, Shirley Hardett. The teachers are supported by an army of governors and other volunteers with expertise in different subjects.

The vice-chairman of governors teaches science on a voluntary basis, and the treasurer, an IT expert, helps the children to find their way around computers and to produce spread sheets. A governor's wife hears every infant read every day.

Mrs Hardett, who became head in 1973, says she has always wanted the school to go forward. After it opted out in 1993, to gain full control over its budget, its first move was to employ a special needs teacher, not only to help children who are struggling but also the very bright ones who want to forge ahead. "We try very hard to be excellent in everything and our motto is excellence through endeavour," she says.

"Before we went grant-maintained I was counting the years and days to retirement, but when we went grant-maintained I did not want to retire because it was exciting again. You can make plans and have dreams and visions."

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No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	English	Mathematics	Science	School rating: aggregate of results
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Silkstone, Barnsley	23	81	83	96	270
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St Mary's CE, Barnsley	12	91	78	88	257
Holy Rood RC, Barnsley	33	88	79	88	255
Keir Street, Barnsley	35	83	83	89	255

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BEDFORDSHIRE

Bushmead, Luton	77	82	74	86	242
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Foxdell, Luton	52	54	48	54	158
Robert Bruce, Bedford	182	58	49	51	150

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Exehead, A HC, through	65	77	80	74	211
Borne Tide, Wokingham	51	65	61	64	210
Bisham CE, Marlow	12	67	67	75	205

Caseley CE, B13 9EH 32 100 10

Joseph's RC, B30 3TH	27	73	57	25	233
Mad Meadow, B30 3CU	57	82	57	76	199
Alban's RC, B14 5AL	29	83	56	55	197

Balesley, B13 OES	82	29	29	30	88
Nelson, B1 2PJ	26	46	27	15	88
St Paul's RC, Rom 9.15	23	35	35	17	87

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John's (Willingale) CE, Bolton	16	44	50	38	132
Bishop Bldgeman CE, Bolton	33	45	36	48	129
Spindle Point Co, Bolton	17	41	41	47	129

Follenden Co. Bolton	52	42	50	37	129
Hikes Lane Co. Bolton	47	49	30	49	128
Washacre Co. Bolton	35	46	54	26	126

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	118	27	38	80	125

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Wedge & Cholesbury CE, Chesham	25	100	92	100	232
ers Green, High Wycombe	50	100	88	87	205

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Tables will 'shine a bright light into every classroom'

Today is a milestone for every parent in the land. For the first time they can see how well every primary school in England is performing in teaching their 11-year-olds.

The veil which has traditionally concealed what goes on in schools has now finally gone. Parents can see at a glance in their local paper, library, school or on the Internet which schools are up to the mark and which are not. It is the latest step in the Government's commitment to shine a bright light into every classroom, every school and every local authority in England.

We have published today the results of tests and teacher assessments for 11-year-olds in each local authority school in England. All national newspapers and hundreds of regional papers are carrying details of the tables. In addition we

have sent two million copies of the tables booklets to schools, local authorities and public libraries. The results are also published on the Internet. Parents can obtain copies of the tables covering their area by phoning a Freephone number. It is the largest public information exercise for 50 years.

The tables for secondary schools have been published now for five years. Lifting the veil on secondary-school results has caused schools to redouble their efforts to improve the standard of education.

Sadly, we are witnessing again critics of publishing performance tables. I remember what they used to say: that parents would not understand the figures; that schools would massage them. The figures were even described as unfair and unhelpful. Yet the tables have proved to be an easy way of

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, welcomes the first publication of primary test results

making available objective and measurable information about schools. As for the schools, it makes them accountable and encourages higher standards. It enables us to congratulate successful schools and their teachers and identifies those who may need more help.

Five years on we can prove that we have taken public opinion with us. The annual publication of school results has become a national event, anticipated by parents and the press alike. Every parent with a child in primary school will be wondering exactly how well their school will do in today's tables. And this is not just hearsay. Surveys regularly show that the

majority of parents consult the tables when choosing a secondary school for their child. The effect on schools, too, has been dramatic. Performance tables shine a direct light on levels of achievement.

We urgently need the same extra impetus in primary schools. In 1995 less than half of 11-year-olds achieved the expected English and mathematics standards. This had to be put right. That is why I decided a year ago that it was time to introduce school performance tables for 11-year-olds.

There are a few gaps. A small number of schools refused to submit their teacher assessment results, and some declined to check

the accuracy of their figures pre-publication. I find this lamentable, and irritating for the communities they should be serving.

But what do the tables actually show? First, they confirm a general improvement against the 1995 results: some ten percentage points higher in English and maths. This is still not good enough. It is not acceptable that only just over half of our 11-year-olds are achieving at the expected level. We need to redouble our efforts across the board. We clearly need this annual "health check" and stimulus for improvement

that performance tables deliver. Secondly, the tables highlight the disparities in LEA performance. Thirteen LEAs brought more than 60 per cent of their pupils up to at least Level 4 maths; Sandwell, Hackney and Newham could not reach 40 per cent.

In English the differences are equally striking. Thirty LEAs saw at least 60 per cent of their children reach Level 4; nine LEAs were at 45 per cent or less. Richmond-upon-Thames achieved 75.2 per cent, and Surrey 67.8 per cent. But Newham and Tower Hamlets, albeit with more pupils for whom English is not the first language, could only manage 37.1 per cent and 35.6 per cent respectively.

The tables show the same pattern as those for secondary schools. The worst ten LEAs in the primary school tables are Labour-con-

trolled. While only one Labour authority appears in the top ten.

At school level, parents will also see a very patchy picture. In future years we shall be able to see the extent to which individual schools have improved their performance against the 1996 base. For example, we can already tell that while 10 per cent of schools helped more than three-quarters of their eligible pupils to Level 4 or above in all three tests, some 5 per cent of schools saw fewer than one-third reach that level in any of the tests.

The tables also show interesting results from different types of schools. Seventy two out of the top 100 schools are either grant maintained or voluntary (voluntary aided or voluntary controlled). They show the excellence of these schools, which would be under threat from Labour.

Time to turn over a new leaf

David Charter reports on Islington's efforts to lift reading standards out of the doldrums

A pioneering approach to raising literacy standards is beginning to bear fruit for one inner city borough where testing has highlighted the poor performance of primary schools.

Islington's lowly position in the league table belies a concerted effort to revitalise the learning of reading, which has already seen results rise considerably.

Dr Hilary Nicolle, director of education in the north London borough, admitted that she was "deeply shocked" by literacy levels in its schools. National curriculum tests in 1995 showed that only just over a third of 11-year-olds were achieving the national targets for their age in English and mathematics.

Dr Nicolle recognised that the borough's large number of children from non-English-speaking backgrounds could not be used as an excuse for poor standards by the age of 11. About half the children who scored nothing at all in Islington's own reading tests were from white working-class families.

To combat the problem, she has set up the Islington Literacy Project, with the initial aim of "99 by 99", that is, 99 per cent of 11-year-olds reading at national curriculum level three, the level of an average nine-year-old, by 1999. Has she set her sights too low? "Obviously we want as many pupils as possible to be reading far better than at a reading age of nine. Our target is that we should have moved from less than 20 per cent to 65 per cent reading at or beyond their chronological age by 1999."

To achieve this, primary schools hold a reading hour every day, and provide whole class instruction on phonics for children starting to read. These echo policies recommended by the Labour Party's own literacy task force.

Grafton Primary, for example, has set up a reading session from 9.30am to 10am every day followed by literacy lessons until 10.45am. Nitsa Sergides, the head teacher, said: "There is discussion about the book's characters and they write down a summary of what they have read,

so it is not just reading for the sake of reading. It is reading for understanding and meaning, which is something our children were always very poor at before."

Inspectors' reports on successful schools highlight time and again the benefits of involving parents in day-to-day learning. Islington is seeking its own ways of bringing children these advantages, even where home is not supportive.

Its development plan states: "Each child must have a key relationship with someone who cares about their literacy development."

Dr Nicolle says: "Adults matter in children's lives. And for some children this may have to be someone who is not the parent. Children can benefit greatly from trained volunteers coming into schools. They can take an interest in their progress and help them in a number of subjects. We have a target of increasing tenfold the number of volunteers."

These and other measures have already had an impact on tests at 11, which saw the percentage of Islington children gaining level four in English rise from 37 to 45 per cent, and from 35 to 46.8 per cent in mathematics.



Children at Grafton school, in Islington, are given a reading session every morning followed by a literacy lesson

HOW THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PERFORMED

The columns are the average percentage of children gaining Level 4 or above in each subject. The LEAs are ranked by their aggregate scores in column 5

LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg
Richmond-upon-Thames	75.2	68.8	79.9	74.6	Lincolnshire	50.4	55.8	65.8	57.3	Leeds	51.8	48.6	54.2	51.5	Leeds	51.8	48.6	54.2	51.5
Isles of Scilly	61.5	76.9	84.6	74.3	North Yorkshire	58.5	58.1	64.1	181.7	Shropshire	55.4	53.7	61.3	170.9	Shropshire	55.4	53.7	61.3	170.9
North Yorkshire	64.8	64.7	71.5	201.0	West Sussex	56.0	54.4	67.3	180.7	Staffordshire	56.3	51.4	62.0	183.7	Staffordshire	56.3	51.4	62.0	183.7
Bury	68.9	64.3	70.4	200.6	Hereford/Worcester	60.0	54.7	65.5	180.2	East Sussex	56.1	53.1	60.1	180.3	East Sussex	56.1	53.1	60.1	180.3
Donkey	68.6	65.8	68.8	200.3	Hillingdon	61.0	56.7	62.4	180.1	Leicestershire	54.3	53.6	61.4	180.3	Leicestershire	54.3	53.6	61.4	180.3
Stockport	67.0	61.8	69.5	188.3	Wirral	61.4	56.8	62.9	180.1	Stockton-on-Tees	52.8	54.6	61.3	185.5	Stockton-on-Tees	52.8	54.6	61.3	185.5
Kingston-upon-Thames	68.8	61.0	68.0	185.9	Durham	57.0	57.5	65.4	176.9	Bolton	56.5	52.7	59.1	182.4	Bolton	56.5	52.7	59.1	182.4
City of York	64.1	61.6	68.8	185.5	Northamptonshire	58.7	55.7	65.4	178.8	Hammermill/Fulham	55.3	52.9	60.2	184.4	Hammermill/Fulham	55.3	52.9	60.2	184.4
Sefton	64.4	60.6	70.2	185.2	North Lincolnshire	58.1	55.5	65.8	178.5	Dudley	56.7	51.4	60.2	183.3	Dudley	56.7	51.4	60.2	183.3
West Yorkshire	64.9	60.6	69.1	184.8	S Gloucestershire	58.0	55.3	64.0	176.3	South Tyneside	58.0	52.7	59.5	182.2	South Tyneside	58.0	52.7	59.5	182.2
Corwall	62.5	60.4	70.5	184.4	Isle of Wight	56.2	51.0	71.8	178.6	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1
East Yorkshire	67.1	60.3	65.4	181.8	Wiltshire	59.0	53.7	65.4	178.1	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1
West Yorkshire	63.0	59.6	68.9	181.5	Lancashire	56.5	56.9	62.2	177.6	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1	Walsall	54.1	51.5	61.5	187.1
North Somerset	60.1	60.4	68.8	180.1	Cambridgeshire	59.2	54.3	64.1	177.6	East Sussex	54.7	52.3	59.2	186.2	East Sussex	54.7	52.3	59.2	186.2
Berkshire	62.9	58.2	68.5	187.6	Wigan	57.6	54.0	63.7	177.2	Merion	55.6	48.2	57.8	181.6	Merion	55.6	48.2	57.8	181.6
Harrow	64.3	59.6	68.5	187.4	Suffolk	57.8	54.0	65.1	176.7	Redcar/Cleveland	52.6	51.3	62.0	185.9	Redcar/Cleveland	52.6	51.3	62.0	185.9
Doncaster	63.4	57.3	66.2	186.9	St Helens	56.7	54.4	62.2	176.3	Enfield	54.7	51.8	55.5	182.1	Enfield	54.7	51.8	55.5	182.1
Sutton	63.2	58.0	64.2	185.4	Croydon	56.7	54.4	60.8	175.9	Chesham	52.4	47.8	59.8	158.8	Chesham	52.4	47.8	59.8	158.8
Havering	59.9	58.5	68.8	183.3	Kent	56.5	55.8	60.5	176.7	Redcar/Cleveland	52.6	51.3	62.0	185.9	Redcar/Cleveland	52.6	51.3	62.0	185.9
East/NE Somerset	58.7	58.4	65.1	184.2	Lancashire	56.4	54.8	64.5	175.7	Doncaster	50.8	49.8	58.8	150.2	Doncaster	50.8	49.8	58.8	150.2
Tratford	63.1	57.4	63.6	184.1	Northumbria	57.0	52.9	65.0	174.9	Middlesex	52.4	47.8	59.8	158.8	Middlesex	52.4	47.8	59.8	158.8
Gloucestershire	61.7	58.4	65.1	182.2	City of Westminster	55.3	54.9	64.3	174.5	Brent	53.3	51.7	54.2	159.2	Brent	53.3	51.7	54.2	159.2
Cumcille	60.5	58.6	68.0	183.1	Buckinghamshire	55.2	55.3	59.7	174.2	Tameside	52.6	48.8	56.9	158.3	Tameside	52.6	48.8	56.9	158.3
Barnet	61.4	59.3	61.8	182.8	Devon	55.8	54.5	62.7	173.1	Kirkcaldy	50.8	50.0	56.7	157.5	Kirkcaldy	50.8	50.0	56.7	157.5
Buckinghamshire	62.7	58.7	64.0	182.4	Northampton	56.7	55.1	61.3	173.1	Rathfriland	50.5	48.8	57.9	157.2	Rathfriland	50.5	48.8	57.9	157.2
Cheshire	61.7	58.4	65.1	182.2	Derbyshire	55.8	54.2	61.7	172.7	NE Lincolnshire	52.8	47.6	56.7	157.1	NE Lincolnshire	52.8	47.6	56.7	157.1
North Tyneside	58.8	55.6	67.7	182.1	Bedfordshire	57.4	52.5	62.7	172.6	Oldham	52.0	48.3	55.7	156.0	Oldham	52.0	48.3	55.7	156.0
					Calderdale	55.4	55.8	61.0	172.2	Nottinghamshire	48.9	48.1	55.7	154.7	Nottinghamshire	48.9	48.1	55.7	154.7

Inspectors offer hope to schools at the bottom

Poor results can be one more hurdle to overcome, reports David Charter

SCHOOLS at the bottom of the primary league have been praised by inspectors for showing signs of improvement. Three of the bottom ten schools have been assessed by Ofsted, the school inspectorate, and none was judged among the 2 per cent of schools failing pupils.

Larkman Middle School in Norwich, was said to be "making significant developmental strides towards providing a good quality education for its pupils".

Cromwell Junior and Infant School in Birmingham had a "sound and improving" quality of education. And Thornbury Middle School, in Bradford, was found to have "purposeful leadership and clear direction".

However these schools share obvious difficulties. They are all in built-up city areas where unemployment is high and the school population is in flux.

The number of children taking free school meals, an indicator of low household income, is over 50 per cent, and is 75 per cent at Cromwell, where "children and their parents experience a number

of chronic health problems".

Inspectors opened their report on Cromwell by issuing a warning that "the characteristics of the area and the socio-economic background of pupils need careful consideration when judging the standards achieved and the quality of the school". This was an unusual step, given that Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is generally opposed to "making allowances" for poor performance.

The key criteria for inspectors are how children perform relative to their ability and whether teacher expectations encourage improvement. At Cromwell, many pupils were said to be achieving appropriate levels for their abilities. Teaching had "some shortcomings" in English and mathematics but motivation was generally satisfactory.

At Larkman, standards in terms of pupils' abilities were mostly good, but inconsistent in mathematics. However at Thornbury, where two-thirds of children come from non-English speaking homes, inspectors observed: "Levels of reading, writing and numeracy are unsatisfactory."

LOW-SCORING SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg
Grange, Webb St, SE1, Southwark	51.8	48.6	54.2	152.6
SCORING 19				
Toyland, Hartcliffe, Bristol	15	4	0	
SCORING 20				
Pineapple, Kings Heath, Birmingham	12	4	4	
SCORING 21				
Cromwell, Nechells, Birmingham	0	14	7	
St Joseph's RC, Nechells, Birmingham	21	0	0	
Thornbury, Bradford	8	3	9	
SCORING 22				
Mellers, Radford, Nottingham	17	0	6	
SCORING 23				
Kate's Hill, Dudley	12	5	7	
Larkman, Norwich, Norfolk	7	7	10	
St Paul's CE, SE17, Southwark	7	10	7	
SCORING 24				
Alexandra, Western Rd, N22, Haringey	7	11	7	
Danepark, Kingston upon Hull	4	17	4	
Dumfries, Tamworth, Staffordshire	7	11	7	
Littleham CE, Exmouth, Devon	6	0	19	
St Luke's CE, Longsight, Manchester	4	0	21	
Thornhill, Rotherham	11	7	7	
Tyne View, Gateshead	0	19	8	
SCORING 27				
Highfield, Salford, Birmingham	5	12	10	
John Peryn, W3, Ealing	7	9	11	
Newry, Stonessby Avenue, Leicester	11	5	11	

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No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: appropriate of results
English		Maths
Science		Science

CALDERDALE				
Warley Town, Halifax	15	87	100	28
Wadsworth Old Town, Hebden Bridge	14	93	86	100
St John's C, Sowerby Bridge	15	80	100	93
Bowling Green, Halifax	24	96	79	23
St Eusebius C, Halifax	32	91	91	94
Hebden Royd C, Hebden Bridge	20	80	70	85
Colden, Colden Bridge	19	93	78	83
Woodhouse, Brighouse	33	79	78	73
Triangle C, Sowerby Bridge	19	88	84	84
Lightscliffe C, Halifax	64	78	77	77
Sheaf, Halifax	25	86	60	60
St John's C, Brighouse	32	78	73	73
Holywell Green, Halifax	39	70	64	64
Saltersheath, Halifax	22	73	79	62

Elm CE, Wisbech	25	80	40	80	100
Leighton Co, Peterborough	55	51	47	62	100
Eynesbury CE, Huntingdon	17	47	53	59	152
St Andrew CE, Peterborough	54	54	42	62	157
Bar Hill, Cambridge	54	54	44	54	157
Pearson Ridings, Peterborough	59	54	39	64	157
Newborough CE, Peterborough	18	44	56	56	158
St Andrew CE, Peterborough	59	54	44	54	158
Gunthorpe Co, Peterborough	30	55	50	50	159
Haston Park, Cambridge	11	27	55	73	153
St Mary's CE, Huntingdon	22	88	88	88	154
Wim Co, Peterborough	22	88	87	87	154
Bushmead, Huntingdon	68	62	40	58	152
Grove Co, Cambridge	43	44	60	70	149
Poling CE, Peterborough	43	44	62	53	149
The Little Platon Co, Huntingdon	43	44	64	70	149
Elm Road, Wisbech	31	55	57	57	146
Murrow, Wisbech	11	35	27	64	146

37	Thames Co, Warrington	38	76	84	71	230
38	Highfields Co, Narszew	37	84	70	76	231
39	Gombertsch Co, Northwich	37	76	71	84	232
40	St George's Co, Maccesfield SK11 &GN	37	76	71	84	233
41	Woolston Co, Warrington	31	71	71	81	234
42	North Co, Stockport	30	76	73	83	235
43	St George's Co, Stockport	30	76	73	83	236
44	Woolston Co, Warrington	32	72	81	78	237
45	Woolston Co, Warrington	31	71	71	81	238
46	St George's RC, Maccesfield	11	62	73	73	239
47	Bradshaw Co, Warrington	36	86	76	87	240
48	St George's RC, Stokely Trent	36	86	76	87	241
49	Cuddington Co, Northwich	38	78	74	79	242
50	Daresbury Co, Warrington	15	67	73	77	243
51	St George's RC, Northwich	15	67	73	77	244
52	Torporley Co, Torporley	29	79	70	82	245
53	Woodhall Co, Little Neston	16	73	73	83	246
54	St George's RC, Northwich	16	73	73	83	247
55	Alastair Highfields Co, Stoke-on-Trent	37	86	81	76	248
56	Lodge Hall Co, Warrington	28	76	71	79	249
57	St John's Co, Warrington	39	79	87	83	250
58	Platt Road, Scaun	16	73	73	83	251
59	Mickle Trafford Co, Chester	26	80	84	80	252
60	Whitby Heath Co, Southwich	41	81	81	83	253
61	St George's RC, Church Wall, Northwich	14	64	73	73	254
62	Hermitage Co, Crews	14	64	73	73	255
63	St Lewis RC, Warrington	23	73	73	83	256
64	St George's RC, Northwich	23	73	73	83	257
65	Lynn Statham Co, Lynn	22	72	71	80	258
66	St Mary's RC, Middlewich	18	72	72	76	259
67	St George's RC, St Edmund's, Chester	18	72	72	76	260
68	Gorsey Bank Co, Wilmslow	40	80	78	78	261
69	Marlborough Co, Maccesfield	47	87	85	78	262
70	St George's RC, Northwich	37	77	77	87	263
71	Wincham Co, Northwich	34	72	76	83	264
72	Winwick Co, Warrington	14	64	71	83	265
73	St Olivers Ruck Co, Warrington	20	60	71	86	266
74	St George's RC, Warrington	20	60	71	86	267
75	Green Co, Sandbach	44	74	73	78	268
76	Lacey Green Co, Walslow	48	51	50	73	269
77	St George's RC, Northwich	48	51	50	73	270
78	Overleigh St Mary's CE, Chester	108	73	72	73	271
79	Bollington Cross Co, Maccesfield	13	72	72	78	272
80	St George's RC, Northwich	16	76	77	78	273
81	Newchurch Co, Northwich	30	73	73	83	274
82	Sandwich Co, Warrington	30	73	73	83	275
83	St George's RC, Warrington	30	73	73	83	276
84	Newbold Astley Co, Congleton	14	57	59	79	277
85	Vernon Co, Stockport	85	73	66	76	278
86	St Aon, Runcorn	14	57	71	86	279
87	St George's RC, Warrington	50	72	71	76	280
88	Daven Co, Congleton	50	72	74	76	281
89	Spencer Lane Co, Warrington	58	81	59	74	282
90	St George's RC, Northwich	58	81	59	74	283
91	St Philip's Church, Warrington	59	75	63	75	284
92	Blackbrook Co, Congleton	17	60	53	71	285
93	St George's RC, Maccesfield	31	61	57	72	286
94	Buxton Co, Warrington	31	61	57	72	287
95	Childer Thornton Co, South Wirral	20	55	70	75	288
96	Stable Sierley Co, Warrington	70	70	63	77	289
97	St George's RC, Northwich	11	54	56	72	290
98	Epston Co, Knutsford	21	71	62	76	291
99	Upper Priory Co, Maccesfield	63	73	65	71	292
100	St George's RC, Warrington	67	67	67	77	293
101	Kalsall Co, Warrington	25	72	72	64	294
102	Oldfield Co, Chester	25	84	76	76	295
103	Dean Co, Walslow	40	80	86	71	296
104	St George's RC, Warrington	47	8			

Stannards, Co. Runcorn	75	36	31	41	108
St Bernabees Co. Warrington	36	36	36	36	108
Sturley View, Co. Runcorn	31	36	31	31	108
West Bank Co. Widnes	20	35	35	35	105
Oakham Co. Warrington	26	35	32	38	104
St. Marys, Co. South Wirral	50	35	35	35	104
Highfield Park, Runcorn	19	37	32	32	101
Weaver Vale Co. Warrington	26	29	29	43	101
Beechwood Co. Crewe	36	32	32	42	100
St. Michaels Co. Warrington	40	30	30	30	100
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	19	32	21	47	100
Walsley Road Co. Warrington	30	30	22	48	100
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	20	30	33	33	100
Patfield Co. Northwich	49	33	31	35	99
Westbrook Old Hall Co. Warrington	43	28	49	21	98
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	36	38	19	28	98
Pooleton Co. South Wirral	31	38	38	34	98
Westfield Co. Runcorn	27	33	19	44	96
Dee Point Co. Chester	77	26	30	30	96
St. Michaels Co. Runcorn	26	32	33	34	96
Long Lane Co. Warrington	57	28	28	35	91
Wyche Co. Northwich	51	25	29	37	91
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	56	25	28	29	90
Anderson Bolton Co. Warrington	63	27	24	37	89
Hendley Hall Co. Winsford	42	12	26	50	88
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	26	32	36	34	88
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	15	37	40	37	88
Wincote Valley Co. South Wirral	33	16	36	30	84
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	51	39	18	27	84
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	36	38	28	28	84
Leighton Park Co. Crewe	37	27	28	16	81
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	16	6	31	44	81
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	32	32	32	32	80
St. Michaels Co. Warrington	34	24	29	26	79
High Spruce RC. Runcorn	26	31	17	27	77
St. Michaels Co. Northwich	19	18	34	34	77
Roby Grove Co. Macclesfield	31	17	18	14	76
Handforth Hall Co. Winsford	22	18	27	18	76
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	33	21	21	18	73
Woodside Co. Runcorn	36	25	18	18	73
John Street Co. South Wirral	31	23	18	18	70
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	40	20	15	20	58
St. Michaels Co. South Wirral	19	12	12	12	57
ALL AVERAGES:					59.7 56.0 64.4

CORNWALL

Parson's-Worship Co. Truro	15	93	93	93	385
St. Michael's (St. Mary's) Co. Bude	16	94	94	94	386
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	23	98	97	94	379
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	14	94	94	94	376
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	17	90	94	94	372
St. Lucy, Bodmin	21	92	92	92	372
St. Michael's Co. Truro	13	90	90	96	370
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	13	90	90	90	366
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	18	89	89	88	366
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	47	87	85	84	367
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	76	82	82	82	362
St. Mary's Co. Helston	41	81	94	86	362
St. Michael's Co. Looe	13	85	92	85	362
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	28	81	81	81	356
St. Mary's (Penzance) RC, Penzance	42	83	83	80	356
St. Michael's Co. Truro	26	81	85	80	354
St. Paul, Falmouth Co. Launceston	13	89	87	82	353
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	17	80	87	87	347
St. Michael's Co. Launceston	15	80	80	87	347
St. Michael's Co. Launceston	73	81	81	87	347
St. Michael's Co. St. Austell	73	83	83	83	346
St. Michael's Co. Falmouth	40	73	88	85	346
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	64	68	75	80	243
St. Michael's Co. St. Austell	46	68	73	80	243
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	21	89	87	87	347
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	17	88	82	71	241
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	12	83	75	83	338
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	74	70	83	83	338
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	18	83	72	83	338
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	11	82	73	82	337
St. Michael's Co. Penzance	34	78	78	78	

AIR AVERAGES:		17	18	19	20
		62.5	61.9	58.4	
COVENTRY					
Cannon Park, CV4 7DE	26	82	80	80	82
John Vianney RC, CV5 7GX	30	87	90	87	89
Saint John's CE, CV5 9HZ	33	91	88	88	89
St Andrew's Church, CV5 9JG	48	84	84	80	82
St Thomas More RC, CV3 5AZ	58	85	80	78	80
Mesley, CV5 9FY	24	71	75	100	240
CV5 8DH	67	88	78	78	244
Mount, CV5 6EJ	60	76	78	78	244
Alford Nod, CV5 7LD	31	81	81	81	236
Northampton Park, CV3 6NF	56	82	93	91	236
Whitby Abbey, CV3 4DE	72	80	80	80	236
Carlisleton, CV5 6FZ	49	80	67	67	220
Christopher, CV5 9UG	62	82	89	86	219
Christ The King, CV5 2AJ	73	76	76	71	215
Good Shepherd RC, CV6 7RN	74	74	73	73	215
Head House, CV2 2NB	34	71	59	79	207
Hartwell Farm, CV5 7HN	37	69	59	59	207
Wales Valley, CV3 2DX	74	74	74	74	207
Wyken Court, CV2 3AA	90	74	60	70	207
St Paul's Rectory, CV5 2DU	66	88	81	73	202
St Mary's RC, CV2 2BA	39	82	82	82	200
Weston Grange, CV5 2HN	73	67	67	67	175
Heardale, CV5 8LH	46	52	61	63	196
Kearl, CV5 7LR	36	58	53	57	194
Clifford Bridge, CV3 2PD	38	52	57	51	190
St Peter's RC, CV5 6EJ	63	71	62	57	180
John Fisher RC, CV2 3NR	71	63	62	57	180
Whitmore Park, CV5 2HG	57	61	57	57	180
St James' Church, CV5 2EF	67	63	57	57	180
Lill Farm, CV5 3BL	40	70	53	63	187
Chobsey Hall, CV5 8AJ	56	67	57	64	184
St George's RC, CV5 2GF	63	63	63	63	184
St Michael's CE, CV5 9RQ	21	69	48	48	179
Corpus Christi RC, CV3 2OP	58	58	52	55	178
St Andrew's Church, CV5 7ED	49	58	58	58	178
St John's CE, CV5 2HH	44	45	45	48	173
Dowley, CV5 1AB	42	54	57	52	173
Bosley, CV5 5EH	52	46	55	62	173
Southdown, CV5 9EY	54	56	53	53	171
St Salina CE, CV1 2AT	54	59	46	46	169
Winchester Grange, CV5 2SH	48	50	35	34	169
St Patrick's RC, CV2 1SD	48	50	35	34	169
Gregory's RC, CV2 5AT	35	57	40	48	166
St John the Divine CE, CV3 3AE	38	57	40	43	163
St Andrew's CE, CV5 9NG	46	56	47	44	161
Mesley Hall, CV5 9NG	29	56	48	50	182
Bethlehem-on-the-CE, CV3 2LP	26	52	50	50	181
St Andrew's RC, CV5 5BX	43	50	40	43	181
Cardinal, CV5 9B	24	54	54	50	181
Richmond Leas, CV2 5FU	89	48	48	48	157
Temple, CV5 9DA	73	62	59	55	157
St Andrew's Church, CVN 4BN	41	55	52	52	157
Colston Heath, CV2 4PR	52	58	44	52	154
London Gate, CV1 3BO	61	49	49	44	161
St Andrew's Church, CV5 3BL	54	49	49	57	154
The Lion Of The Assumption, CV4 5LB	35	49	29	34	149
St Souts RC, CV5 8ED	32	47	63	25	135
Park White, CV2 2LH	47	57	43	24	134
St George's, CV4 9CQ	48	56	48	46	134
Jordanham, CV5 8BT	33	48	46	46	132
Woodbrook, CV5 6FR	29	28	45	55	128
St Andrew's Green, CV6 7GX	52	52	35	43	128
Fredrick Road, CV2 4QG	35	35	30	34	128
Osburn's RC, CV1 4AP	63	40	35	41	128
CV2 4LF	28	38	35	42	118
St Andrew's Park, CV8 7AT	34	34	33	47	118
Osford Park, CV1 2SF	41	31	31	48	118
Jordanham Green, CV2 1PP	51	45	33	31	109
Green Cash, CV6 3KS	39	31	31	44	109

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Table with 4 columns: School, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in English, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in Maths.

CUMBERLAND

Table listing primary schools in Cumberland with their respective performance metrics.



Pupils at Clifton CE school in Clifton village, Derbyshire, achieved a maximum number of Level 4 or higher grades in the Key Stage 2 tests

Table with 4 columns: School, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in English, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in Maths.

Table listing primary schools in Derbyshire with their respective performance metrics.

Table with 4 columns: School, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in English, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in Maths.

Table listing primary schools in Devon with their respective performance metrics.

Table with 4 columns: School, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in English, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in Maths.

Table listing primary schools in Dorset with their respective performance metrics.

Table with 4 columns: School, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English, % of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in English, % of pupils achieving 5 or more in Maths.

Table listing primary schools in Dorset with their respective performance metrics.

DORSET

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How to read the tables

● Schools, including voluntary-aided and grant-maintained, are listed by local authority.

● The tables show the percentage of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum in last year's tests. The Department for Education and Employment calculated the results on the basis of pupils eligible to sit the tests, irrespective of absences.

● Schools which submitted all their test results are ranked on an aggregate of scores in the three subjects (see column five). Those with incomplete data have been omitted, as are those where fewer than ten pupils sat the tests.

No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: aggregate or res.
English		Sci.
Mathematics		Math.
Science		History
Art		Physical Education
Music		Foreign Language
Health		Other

SCHOOL	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2907	2908	2909	2910	2911	2912	2913	2914	2915	2916	2917	2918	2919	2920	2921	2922	2923	2924	2925	2926	2927	2928	2929	2930	2931	2932	2933	2934	2935	2936	2937	2938	2939	2940	2941	2942	2943	2944	2945	2946	2947	2948	2949	2950	2951	2952	2953	2954	2955	2956	2957	2958	2959	2960	2961	2962	2963	2964	2965	2966	2967	296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DUDLEY

Dawley Brook, Kingswinnford	36	83	89	92	34
Edwinstow CE, Stourbridge	40	84	87	88	35
On the Laces CE, Kingswinnford	45	89	92	94	25
Paton's Hill, Brerley Hill	113	80	84	84	25
Horn Dingle, Stourbridge	19	84	88	88	24
King's Church CE, Stourbridge	19	84	88	88	24
Dingy, Kingswinnford	17	81	82	84	24
Cradley CE, Halesowen	82	83	83	83	24
Dudley, Halesowen	82	83	83	83	24
St Joseph's R.C., Stourbridge	26	81	86	86	24
Tenterhooks, Halesowen	79	82	86	86	24
St Mary's R.C., Dudley	29	82	86	86	24
Our L & St Keanin R.C., Halesowen	33	79	79	79	24
Ashwood Park, Stourbridge	54	57	79	79	24
Redcross CE, Halesowen	56	77	79	79	24
Hunt Hill, Biston	56	77	81	79	24
Belle Vue, Stourbridge	56	69	68	76	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	70	85	85	85	24
St Mary's CE, Kingswinnford	32	85	85	81	24
Manor Way, Halesowen	26	77	54	77	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	29	82	82	82	24
St Joseph's R.C., Dudley	29	58	76	83	24
Gle Mill, Stourbridge	66	66	66	71	24
Redcross CE, Halesowen	64	70	70	71	24
Lipcot, Halesowen	42	87	84	71	24
Alber Coppice, Dudley	71	72	73	68	24
Redcross CE, Halesowen	70	70	70	70	24
Newfield Park, Brerley Hill	54	85	85	67	24
Mount Pleasant, Stourbridge	40	60	68	75	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	32	85	85	85	24
Fairview, Stourbridge	32	30	66	75	24
Cornall End, Stourbridge	66	66	81	61	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	81	66	66	66	24
St James's CE, Stourbridge	55	85	88	56	24
Making Bank, Dudley	54	56	56	56	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	54	56	56	56	24
Russell Hall, Dudley	36	67	81	58	24
Thomas, Brerley Hill	45	64	66	58	24
Blairland, Dudley	35	49	57	71	24
Greenfield, Stourbridge	35	49	57	71	24
Ambleside, Stourbridge	57	58	53	66	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	48	65	65	65	24
Northfield Road, Dudley	64	59	50	64	24
Colony Lane, Halesowen	54	54	50	76	24
Westbrook, Stourbridge	44	49	52	52	24
Halsbury CE, Halesowen	43	68	53	63	24
Olive Hill, Halesowen	50	50	48	64	24
Claydon, Dudley	44	44	39	54	24
Baywood Mans, Kingswinnford	45	58	40	56	24
Jessons CE, Dudley	53	53	53	56	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	53	53	53	56	24
Phony, Dudley	57	46	49	54	24
Stratts, Dudley	35	51	54	54	24
Dudley Wood, Dudley	44	44	39	54	24
Roberts, Dudley	46	53	59	54	24
Caslon, Halesowen	40	43	35	63	24
Quinton Vicarage, Dudley	41	43	47	47	24
St Mary's CE, Halesowen	16	33	43	93	24
Rock, Stourbridge	94	94	94	94	24
Walsley Church CE, Bilston	94	94	91	59	24
Red Hall, Dudley	54	38	46	55	24
Quany Bank, Brerley Hill	59	41	45	41	24
St Barn, Kingswinnford	44	39	39	50	24
Slenderly, Dudley	54	39	39	50	24
Stations Green, Dudley	32	41	13	69	24
Blowers CE, Dudley	68	49	43	29	24
Wollscote, Stourbridge	33	51	56	41	24
Higlands, Dudley	58	49	41	40	24
St Mary's R.C., Brerley Hill	42	42	36	40	24
Hob Green, Stourbridge	40	40	40	40	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	44	41	42	41	24
Brerley Hill, Brerley Hill	22	44	44	41	24
Rufford Stourbridge	51	31	37	39	24
Stations CE, Dudley	29	43	27	39	24
Higlands, Biston	29	43	27	39	24
Bromley, Brerley Hill	24	23	23	23	24
Halsbury, Stourbridge	51	13	20	27	24
Brookmore, Brerley Hill	88	15	22	27	24
Wrens Nest, Dudley	42	12	13	24	24
St Mary's R.C., Kingswinnford	42	12	12	12	24
Kate's Hill, Dudley	43	12	12	12	24

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DURHAM

Searith Munt Meen Cc, Barnard Castle	18	100	100	83
Lanchester Rd, Durham	19	100	95	83
Newcastle, Durham	25	91	94	87
Mowden, Darlington	62	95	90	90
St Thomas More Cc, Durham	17	100	82	90
St John's Cc, Durham	23	96	83	85
Humwark, Crook	22	91	88	85
St Paul's Cc, Stockton-on-Tees	28	98	98	88
Sadborough Cc, Spaldingmoor	13	85	92	92
St George's R.C., Durham	31	81	87	90
St Andrew's Cc, Durham	12	82	82	91
Ayliffe Village, Newton Aycliffe	12	100	75	92
St Barnard's Cc, Aycliffe	14	90	84	90
Ayliffe, Darlington	25	88	81	88
Shincliffe Cc, Durham	31	83	83	89
St Andrew's R.C., Chester le Street	30	90	80	90
New Seaham, Seaham	30	90	80	90
Hunworth, Darlington	39	90	80	90
St Andrew's Cc, Ferryhill	28	73	96	88
Emberley Lane, Bishop Auckland	38	79	87	89
St Margaret's Cc, Durham	28	80	80	90
St John's Cc, Newton Aycliffe	26	85	77	92
Widdowes Park, Newton Aycliffe	25	83	86	83
Newkirk, Chester le Street	29	86	76	86
Widdowes Park, Stockton-on-Tees	29	86	76	86
Widdowes Cc, Stockton-on-Tees	16	63	88	100
Widdowes Cc, Houghton le Spring	28	76	81	82
Coopers, Durham	30	87	83	88
St Anne's Cc, Bishop Auckland	51	82	80	84
St Andrew's Endowment, Durham	23	81	82	82
West Pelton, Searson	11	88	73	91
Widdowes Cc, Bishop Auckland	11	88	73	91
Widdowes Cc, Houghton le Spring	33	70	88	79

No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: Aggregate of results
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SCHOOL	51	78	78	84	248
Belmont CE, Durham	51	78	78	84	248
Chewley Park CE, Durham	37	86	84	90	240
Langley Moor Co, Durham	20	70	80	90	240
Patton, Chester St, Durham	59	79	74	86	238
St Andrew's CE, Durham	52	78	78	82	238
Hawthlington CE, Newton Aycliffe	24	71	75	82	238
Burnopfield, Newcastle upon Tyne	48	77	82	88	237
St Bede's RC, Sacriston, Durham	11	66	72	78	237
Stanley RC, Stanley	23	74	78	83	235
Lidwirth, Durham	23	74	78	83	235
Woolfates, Barnard Castle	11	64	73	81	235
Pittington, Durham	18	62	67	69	228
Comforth Lane CE, Peterlee	26	62	72	80	228
St Andrew's CE, Durham	50	80	87	97	228
St Joseph's RC, Harpendal	11	38	91	100	227
Ouston, Chester St, Durham	54	78	81	88	226
Barnard Castle CE, Barnard Castle	45	76	81	88	226
Wilton, Wilton CE, Chester St, Durham	43	73	68	82	222
Wilton Gilbert, Durham	22	70	78	78	222
Blue Coat CE, Durham	66	74	68	78	221
St Andrew's CE, Chester St, Durham	51	76	69	78	221
Timothy Holdwin, Shildon	54	69	74	78	221
Cesaria Co, Chester St, Durham	59	59	71	80	220
Yaholton, Peterlee	55	81	81	81	219
Langley Park, Durham	37	54	64	81	219
Vane Road, Newton Aycliffe	43	73	66	80	218
Horden & Easington RC, Peterlee	61	78	78	82	218
Finchale, Durham	32	75	69	72	218
St Bede's RC, Darlington	49	71	76	67	214
St Andrew's CE, Darlington	23	74	70	74	214
St Andrew's CE, Darlington	35	63	73	72	212
Sherrburn, Durham	35	63	60	69	212
Shield Row, Stanley	74	76	58	79	212
St Andrew's CE, Newton Aycliffe	65	70	70	74	212
Field Street, Darlington	67	74	77	70	209
Shedley Bridge, Consett	24	63	73	67	208
Cockton Hill CE, Newton Aycliffe	60	75	70	74	208
St Mary's RC, Durham	16	67	67	73	207
Hawthornthill Hill, Darlington	64	72	61	73	207
St Andrew's CE, Darlington	64	64	64	64	207
Exc Warring Co, Durham	44	66	66	73	205
Holy Family RC, Darlington	20	70	55	60	205
St Catherine's RC, Crook	60	70	60	70	205
Field Hill, Darlington	41	59	71	73	203
Brandon, Durham	63	59	68	78	203
Healdon, Darlington	50	71	71	71	203
St Andrew's CE, Barnard Castle	13	59	67	67	200
Stanley (Crook), Crook	24	54	54	54	200
St Mary's RC, Consett	64	64	64	64	200
Consett, Consett	37	61	68	78	200
St Hil's CE, Durham	26	63	67	67	197
Tarleton, Stanley	67	62	77	77	197
Hopely Wad, Seaton	42	74	69	84	195
Leedsdale, Consett	36	56	69	69	184

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Burnhope, Durham	18	81	61	44	166
Durham Gillespie, Durham	18	81	61	44	166
Springfield, Darlington	29	38	37	69	168
Springfield, Darlington	29	38	37	69	168
Brooms Crk, Consett	11	28	33	53	184
Edmondstone, Durham	11	28	33	53	184
North Blains, Peterlee	19	46	43	74	198
Eastington Colliery, Peterlee	19	46	43	74	198
Ulshaw Moor Crk, Durham	19	46	43	74	198
North Blains, Peterlee	21	52	43	67	198
Collierley, Barnard	29	54	44	84	181
Wheatfield, Stanley	29	54	44	84	181
Hamfield Farm, Newton Aycliffe	29	54	44	84	181
Chilton, Ferryhill	32	36	48	79	198
Sandwell, Consett	42	45	58	103	248
Clayton, Consett	26	54	50	84	198
Ulshaw Moor, Durham	14	54	54	104	248
Ulshaw Moor, Durham	14	54	54	104	248
North Road, Spennithorne	29	38	59	98	198
Peasem Wood, Crook	18	38	51	69	158
Peasem Wood, Crook	18	38	51	69	158
Ferryhill Station, Ferryhill	22	41	64	104	198
Mc Raussett, Darlington	32	42	62	81	158
Woolston, Spennithorne	31	42	62	81	158
Woolston, Spennithorne	31	42	62	81	158
Woolston, Spennithorne	31	42	62	81	158
Blackhall, Hartlepool	17	53	48	83	163
Home Farm, Peterlee	50	48	49	98	163
Home Farm, Peterlee	50	48	49	98	163
Shotton Colliery, Durham	51	48	49	98	163
Shotton Colliery, Durham	51	48	49	98	163
Gurney Pease, Darlington	52	48	49	98	163
East Stanley, Darlington	53	48	49	98	163
East Stanley, Darlington	53	48	49	98	163
Crook, Crook	69	43	59	128	248
Crook, Crook	69	43	59	128	248

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EAST YORKSHIRE

Wellers, Brough	12	100	100	283
World Network, Driffield	12	75	92	100
Sir Andrew's, Hull	67	87	85	93
Sir Marmaduke's, RC, York	51	76	94	94
Stamford Bridge, York	48	83	85	92
Reedness, Goole	11	73	81	81
Sir Mary's, RC, York	82	82	82	82
St Giles', Cottingham	13	82	85	77
Kilham, RC, Driffield	17	80	80	82
Wilberly Carr Lane, Hull	74	79	75	80
Immerso Co, Hull	25	87	70	92
Swanland Co, North Ferriby	44	77	77	89
Gewiss, Hull	12	92	58	92
Heck, RC, Goole	87	87	87	87
Minster, RC, Beverley	50	82	80	76
Nauticon Co, Driffield	36	83	69	83
McAlister, RC, Brough	75	73	57	87
Home-upon-Spalding Mr Co, York	38	76	78	81
Eastington, Hull	36	76	76	88
Sir Mary's, RC, Beverley	82	76	76	88
St Andrew's, RC, Brough	46	73	71	82
Pollington Balne, RC, Goole	15	75	63	98
Flamborough CC, Bridlington	16	58	88	81
Wentworth, Brough	28	65	76	80
Skirlaugh CC, Hull	20	65	76	80
Wigorness, RC, York	28	69	61	71
Marble Co, York	68	71	71	81
North Ferriby, RC, North Ferriby	32	72	63	61
Thornthorpe, Hull	56	69	62	85
St Mary's, RC, York	60	73	60	73
St Pleasant, RC, York	21	68	76	76
Wetherby, Aldborough	88	68	67	77
Arnsley, Hull	88	68	68	68
Hacton, Hull	24	68	68	68
Wentworth, Brough	24	68	68	68

School rating: aggregate of results	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	
	English	Maths
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North Cove, GE, Brough	18	81	87	89	211
Cottingsham Crosby, Hull	42	50	78	71	207
Barmby Moor, GE, York	14	57	78	71	207
Widening, GE, Beverley	38	70	78	71	207
St John's RC, Beverley	19	71	81	67	208
Cherry Burton, GE, Beverley	22	55	77	71	205
Widening, GE, Beverley	73	58	73	73	205
Lumwell, GE, Hull	22	55	88	77	204
Siggleshorne, GE, Hull	11	65	73	73	201
Bazon, GE, Cottingsham	25	57	64	74	201
Widening, GE, Beverley	12	57	78	76	200
Leafield, Beverley	24	53	76	67	200
Westfield, Cottingsham	47	60	88	72	200
Widening, GE, Beverley	38	61	88	72	200
Rutcliffe Bridge, Goole	11	61	82	65	191
Ashtree Aids, GE, Hull	32	63	44	61	186
Preston, Hull	31	71	54	64	186
Cottingsham, GE, Hull	32	63	63	98	186
Hornsea, Hornsea	90	58	57	71	186
Molecroft, Beverley	30	60	65	67	186
Widening, GE, Beverley	38	58	70	67	186
Sprottsey Endowed, Hull	103	62	67	76	185
All Saints CE, Haseley	36	56	56	70	182
Hickingham, GE, York	64	53	59	70	182
Widening, GE, Beverley	43	65	48	67	179
Heldershope, Bridlington	70	58	46	67	179
Huon Chaworth, Driffield	51	85	52	61	178
Driffield, GE, Beverley	72	62	52	61	178
Driffield, Driffield	133	62	57	52	171
Moorfield, Bridlington	120	61	52	57	171
Southfield, Beverley	49	49	59	51	169
Widening, GE, Brough	118	58	59	33	169
Howden, Goole	46	48	50	71	169
Kingsley, Goole	42	45	46	50	167
Widening, GE, Bridlington	122	57	50	30	167
Swain, Goole	33	39	59	64	167
Laven CE, Beverley	36	47	58	64	167
Widening, GE, Beverley	81	39	62	62	159
Marham, Beverley	24	42	46	71	159
New Pasture Lane, Bridlington	29	46	52	59	159
Widening, GE, Beverley	58	56	11	51	155
Marionette, Bridlington	64	48	56	50	154
Barnpton, Bridlington	14	64	25	30	150
Widening, GE, Beverley	43	64	54	150	
Tidton CE, Beverley	52	48	48	52	144
Pasture, Goole	52	54	36	54	138
Widening, GE, Beverley	46	46	36	54	138
Paces CE, Hull	14	50	21	64	131
Meddison-on-the-Wolds CE, Driffield	13	40	47	62	131
Widening, GE, Beverley	46	46	47	62	131
Burton, Driffield	13	38	36	44	130
Pitton, Hull	39	46	46	47	123
Widening, GE, Beverley	46	46	46	47	123
St Joseph's RC, Goole	33	36	36	38	102
Patrickton CE, Hull	45	40	29	38	102
Beverley St Nicholas, Beverley	45	40	29	38	102

EAST SUSSEX					
St Barnabas's RC, Brighton	27	85	96	100	281
Dallington & Kingston CE, Lewes	19	95	95	98	279
Dallington CE, Heathfield	16	95	100	100	284
St Andrew's CE, Brighton	18	85	94	100	271
Southern CE, Lewes	25	94	93	81	298
St Thomas RC, Worthing	35	92	92	92	286
Rothwell CE, Crowborough	15	98	90	83	286
St John's CE, Brighton	30	80	83	80	263
St Andrew's CE, Brighton	37	87	94	94	257
Camfield CE, Bexhill	18	78	89	83	250
Stonemage CE, Westhurst	12	89	85	83	245
St Andrew's CE, Brighton	35	85	85	85	245
Brace, Rye	13	88	88	82	246
Wythesfield, Hove	23	78	88	88	246
Chryson, Seaford	20	88	88	88	246
St Luf's Lourdes RC, Brighton	31	84	77	81	242
St Mary's RC, Crowborough	30	77	77	77	230
St Andrew's CE, Rye	17	77	71	94	236
St Michael's CE, Hove	17	71	78	78	235
Pat Millard CE, Haimersham	18	71	71	71	235
St Andrew's CE, Lewes	12	75	75	75	224
St Andrew's CE, Robertsbridge	21	71	86	231	224
St Hilary's CE, Crowborough	34	78	78	80	220
St Andrew's CE, Eastbourne	24	78	78	78	220
Prodes Park, Uckfield	41	78	78	78	228
Burwash CE, Easthampstead	19	88	89	89	228
Coltsmead RC, St. Hove	34	77	77	88	228
Bailiwick, Brighton	103	88	78	88	228
Loughon CE, Lewes	26	85	81	81	221
Barncombe RC, Lewes	29	85	85	85	221
Aldington CE, Hove	19	83	83	83	221
Westcliff, Brighton	33	76	76	76	217
Seaford, Seaford	49	71	83	86	217
Mayfield CE, Mayfield	19	86	86	86	217

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Cassidown, Hastings	42	48	46	48	182
Tolgate, Eastbourne	90	38	40	39	123
Wick, Hastings	38	41	32	38	131
White Mole, Haslemere	34	35	32	59	126
Chertsey, Brighton	37	43	40	36	124
St Nicolas C.E., Brighton	40	48	50	39	129
St Leonard's-on-Sea	90	36	32	51	111
Bin Grove, Brighton	28	39	39	39	117
St Mary Magdalen C.P., Brighton	39	40	39	39	117
St Andrew's C.E., Brighton	48	38	35	42	111
Beverland-on-Sea, Brighton	58	36	40	38	114
Hammond, Peversey	22	38	41	38	113
St Andrew's C.E., Eastbourne	41	35	38	39	110
All Saints, Hastings	43	37	40	33	110
Chalvey St P's P.C., Lewes	13	48	31	31	106
St Andrew's, Brighton	47	40	37	40	106
Pearcemeer C.E., Ryde	13	54	31	23	108
Pullis C.E., Lewes	33	42	24	42	108
St Andrew's, Brighton	47	40	37	40	106
St Andrew's, Brighton	59	46	34	21	101
Rudyard Park, Brighton	60	42	27	29	86
Queen's Park, Brighton	24	42	25	29	86
St Andrew's Wood C., St Leonards-on-Sea	51	33	27	35	90
Red Lade, Hastings	69	38	27	35	90
Highfield, Eastbourne	69	38	28	32	94
St Andrew's, Brighton	24	42	25	29	86
West Beach, Hove	28	29	25	32	85
Hastings C. of Haslemere	20	35	25	25	85
St Martin's Hill Co., Brighton	19	32	25	25	81
St Mark's C.E., Brighton	38	38	19	19	72
Goombes Road, Brighton	42	24	21	28	71
Colden, Brighton	34	9	20	20	63
St Andrew's, Brighton	13	25	21	21	60
Moulscot, Brighton	65	20	10	20	51
Free Fishes C.E., Mylefield	12	17	17	8	44
St Andrew's, Brighton	15	15	17	8	44
LSEA AVERAGES:					54.7 52.3 39.2

School	No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: aggregate of results
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Theodora, Duranney	26	85	96	100	281
St Helen's RC, Brentwood	63	94	90	94	276
St George's, Southend-on-Sea	10	89	93	93	275
St Andrew's, Colchester	18	89	83	100	272
Long Ridge, Brentwood	71	87	97	97	272
Sunnyside, Billerica	71	87	97	97	272
Kathleen Holman, Brentwood	26	82	84	92	268
St Andrew's, Saffron Walden	16	80	93	93	268
St Peter's C, Brentwood	32	81	81	94	266
St Lawrence C, Whitlam Abbey	70	78	89	94	266
St Lawrence C, Brentwood	50	74	92	98	266
Colt Norton Cg, Chelmsford	11	82	91	91	264
St Mary's C, Burnham-on-Crouch	35	87	91	91	264
St Andrew's, Colchester	36	87	84	97	264
Trinity St Mary's C, Chelmsford	21	85	86	98	268
Great Christchurch C, Saffron Walden	21	71	95	90	258
R A Butler, Saffron Walden	24	83	88	93	254
St Andrew's, Colchester	24	83	88	93	254
St Peter's C, Chelmsford	13	85	77	93	254
Stock C, Ingatestone	24	88	83	93	254
St John's C, Billerica	38	79	84	94	252
Bourges Green, Southend-on-Sea	79	77	86	98	252
Summers, Harlow	25	58	96	100	252
Robert C, Gt. Ouse-on-Sea	24	75	88	98	251
St Thomas's RC, Colchester	36	78	88	93	250
Wesley St Andrew's C, Gt. Ouse-on-Sea	71	76	88	93	250
Langham C, Colchester	11	82	82	84	246
St John's West C, Colchester	22	77	77	91	245
Home Farm, Colchester	29	83	72	90	245
East Hamming C, Chelmsford	19	72	89	81	244
St Andrew's, Colchester	73	78	85	81	244
Great Barry C, Basildon	37	81	76	95	243
Laver-de-la-Haye C, Colchester	83	82	78	95	243
St Andrew's, Colchester	73	82	78	95	243
Theridon Bay, Epping	41	76	76	90	242
White Court, Saffron	29	71	79	83	242
St Andrew's, Colchester	76	77	78	88	242
Little Hembury Cg, Bishop's Stortford	18	72	72	88	239
St Thomas More C, Saffron Walden	28	78	71	82	238
St Andrew's, Colchester	70	77	77	82	238
St John's White RC, Brentwood	50	70	72	78	238
Wv, Mimsingway	16	75	75	78	237
St Andrew's, Colchester	67	74	74	77	237
St Thomas More's RC, Colchester	89	72	73	83	237
Coltingwood, Chelmsford	55	80	80	76	235
St Andrew's, Colchester	74	70	78	80	235
Millfield, Colchester	28	82	82	85	238
St Andrew's C, Haslebad CG 29H	25	80	84	72	238
St Andrew's, Colchester	74	70	78	80	235
Holy Family RC, Basildon	36	82	82	71	235
Our Lady Immaculate RC, Chelmsford	32	88	89	76	235

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Holy Cross RC, Harlow	15	47	87	73	907
North Cox, Colchester	38	61	76	71	907
St Andrew's & St. Paul's, Buckhurst Hill	10	50	76	71	907
Montgomery & Fyrring, Ingatestone	31	36	74	74	908
Montgomery, Colchester	38	53	72	81	908
St John's, Malden	31	59	72	71	908
St Th of Canterbury RC, Grays	89	84	74	86	908
Safford Marine, Southend-on-Sea	34	81	67	97	908
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	908
High Green Cox, Ongar	94	74	74	88	908
Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh	44	72	61	72	908
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	908
Heybridge, Malden	74	81	70	79	904
Panora Health Cdc, Colchester	38	77	68	69	904
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	904
Chipping Ongar	32	70	71	71	904
St Joseph's RC, Convey Island	37	70	77	75	904
Buckley & Belfrey	32	70	77	75	904
Ingrave Juniorate Cdc, Brentwood	32	69	68	66	901
Katharine Stern, Saffron Wealden	32	69	68	66	901
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	901
Leaward Cdc, Manningtree	32	69	67	68	900
St George's Cdc, Colchester	37	71	61	75	900
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	900
Limes Farm, Chigwell	39	58	67	72	900
Riverside, Noddy	37	68	67	68	900
Hockley, Hockley	30	60	57	80	907
London Cox, Colchester	25	62	84	81	907
Dilais, South Oxhey	24	64	58	78	907
Greenway & Durrenco	24	64	58	78	907
Preystage, Colchester	69	67	62	67	908
St Crims's HC, Chesham-on-Sea	30	67	62	67	908
St John's RC, Rochford	30	73	53	70	908
Tudor Court Cox, Grays	29	69	55	72	908
Whitfield Cox, Thorne	29	69	55	72	908
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	74	71	908
Thyne Grm Cdc, Epping	18	61	65	75	1001
St John's Grm, Colchester	17	71	59	65	1001
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1001
Palmers, Basildon	64	53	67	84	1014
South Green, Billerica	54	65	59	70	1014
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1014
Cliffville Hall, Leigh-on-Sea	102	65	61	87	1013
North Park, Rochford	76	62	62	66	1006
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1006
St Mary's Cdc, Chelmsford	11	64	55	73	1002
Edward Francis, Rayleigh	72	58	57	78	1011
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1011
Westborough, Westoff-on-Sale	98	61	57	72	1001
Ashington, Rochford	44	57	56	77	1001
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1001
Edwards Hall, Leigh-on-Sea	80	54	55	69	1001
Friars Grove, Colchester	60	60	50	68	1000
St Andrew's, Chelmsford	34	72	67	67	1000
St John's Cdc, Colchester	31	55	63	65	1000

Nelson, Wilford	29	52	96	187
North, William	23	52	96	187
Corringham, Stamford-to-Hope	67	63	60	163
Cressing Co, Brentnre	21	36	57	81
Curry, John	38	58	83	119
Holy Family RC, Witham	30	63	83	100
Luton Green Co, Harlow	31	67	48	71
Marshall, John	33	55	66	84
St Lucian's C of E, Southminster	40	60	48	76
St Mary's C of E, Colchester COS SUDS	34	56	55	105
Concession Endowed, Roostford	20	20	20	20
Colchester	38	52	54	62
Ridgeway C of E, Haiseld	14	34	50	71
Neycourt, Leigh-on-Sea	62	71	48	85
North, William	44	56	59	69
Litchington C of E, Chelmsford	18	56	56	72
Lowerton, Waltham Abbey	43	60	62	62
Lowerton, Waltham Abbey	50	57	57	57
Barnham C of E, Bishop's Stortford	23	57	48	76
Priory, Chelmsford	35	66	67	80
Reworth C of E, Witham	11	64	18	93
St Nicholas C of E, Southminster	11	65	48	69
Bulphoe C of E, Uppertree	11	64	36	82
Chappel C of E, Colchester	71	73	84	45
Chapel, Witham	21	75	72	83
Hamford, Witham on the Maze	42	69	45	87
White Bridge, Loughran	46	63	67	72
Wickham, Witham	40	53	67	77
Lubbins Park, Chapel Island	22	74	48	57
St Luke's C of E, Colchester	97	62	49	66
Arthur Bagley, Stamford-to-Hope	89	52	50	73
Chelmsford	61	52	50	73
Hewbridge C of E, Witham	97	58	59	60
Milhouse, Basildon	66	50	50	70
St George's C of E, Brentnre	60	59	59	69
Kingsmore, Harlow	48	71	48	76
St George's C of E, Colchester	81	59	45	57

SCHOOL	No. or eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: aggregate of results
		English	Maths

St Olav's C.E., Clacton-on-Sea	98	53	61	67	177
John Burnay, Brixham	37	57	52	67	177
St Andrew's, Clacton-on-Sea	36	58	61	68	176
Maidon Co., Maidon	69	48	48	76	175
Margaretville C.E., Ipswich	77	59	58	75	175
St Andrew's, 57, Strand-on-Sea	39	67	62	72	175
Westlands Co., Chesham	56	50	50	73	175
Brougher C.E., Bishop's Stortford	73	58	73	73	175
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	58	71	71	173
Canvey Co., Canvey Island	11	63	41	68	172
Lough Bee, Canvey Island	128	57	54	61	171
St Andrew's Hall, St Andrew's-hippe	88	58	71	68	171
Langlands, Colchester	51	51	51	62	171
High Cross RC, South Ockendon	31	35	48	68	171
Unsworth, Basildon	80	37	72	72	171
Thurrock, Colchester	45	45	45	74	171
St Margaret's, Basildon	46	73	40	58	171
Tendring, Clacton-on-Sea	14	50	64	57	169
Holy Trinity, Basildon	57	58	58	70	169
Revery, Harwich	30	50	53	67	170
Locatins, Westcliff-on-Sea	37	48	51	70	170
St John's, Clacton-on-Sea	68	48	60	68	169
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	57	58	169
Canvey, Colchester	31	52	52	55	169
Wymondley, Maldon	35	49	60	60	169
Holy Trinity, Basildon	57	58	58	70	169
Bozing Co., Westham Abbey	61	68	62	58	169
Kennings, South Ockendon	42	55	54	64	167
Capenhurst, Capenhurst	72	54	72	72	167
St John's Hill, Bishop's Stortford	35	48	40	63	168
Capford C.E., Colchester	17	39	53	58	168
Seest Heart RC, Southend-on-Sea	40	50	50	55	168
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	168
Hulton Co., Brentwood	39	62	81	81	164
Myerlands, Basildon	59	69	37	58	164
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	164
William Martin C.E., Harlow	55	45	44	75	164
Katherine, Harlow	33	48	47	70	163
Power Hall, Witham	52	44	67	67	162
St Andrew's, Colchester	46	54	43	65	162
Kingston Co., Brentford	41	59	48	64	162
Ravenmuck, Clacton-on-Sea	50	60	50	60	162
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	161
Raynards, Colchester	18	26	44	61	181
Colchester, Colchester	22	39	61	61	181
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	181
St John Fisher RC, Loughton	28	59	59	61	181
Mulham Holy Cross, Witham Abbey	30	50	47	63	180
St Helen's RC, Westcliff-on-Sea	27	56	48	58	180
Wishes, Chesham	22	36	45	67	179
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	179
Lungston, Colchester	19	33	45	63	178
St Andrew's, Colchester	30	35	45	63	178
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	177
St Andrew's, 54, Strand-on-Sea	54	54	55	55	177
Kingus, Southend-on-Sea	85	37	67	67	182

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Highways Co, Colchester	35	34	57	51	122
Highways, Haverhill	41	37	56	46	120
Highways, South Ockendon	35	34	57	51	122
Alton Park, Clacton-on-Sea	124	83	40	-148	141
St Mary's C, Stansfeld	124	83	36	95	135
Highways, Clacton-on-Sea	35	34	40	48	140
James Davis, Bickerton	65	25	33	69	140
Greys Hill, Bickerton	35	38	55	44	139
Highways, South Ockendon	35	34	57	51	122
Northford, Northford	23	39	57	43	138
Trinity Road Co, Chelmsford	41	46	38	51	137
Highways, South Ockendon	35	34	57	51	122
Doggett's, Northford	21	24	38	70	132
St Allen's RC, Harlow	35	34	57	51	122
Highways, St. Edmund-Hope	35	34	57	51	122
Clacton, Greys	35	34	57	51	122
Letchford, Chelmsford	35	34	57	51	122
Parkland Green Co, Harlow	65	40	42	53	138
Clacton Co, Woodford	43	48	28	38	135
St Paul's C, Colchester	35	34	57	51	122
St Paul's C, Barnwood	18	80	42	42	134
Woodside Co, Greys	55	35	40	38	133
Bonham, Westward	45	46	24	40	132
Neatlands Co, Chelmsford	71	55	30	45	131
Potter Street, Harlow	40	43	35	33	131
Highways, St. Edmund-Hope	35	34	57	51	122
Parsons & Bernard & Co, Harlow	41	45	35	39	129
St Luke's RC, Harlow	35	41	44	44	129
Highways, South Ockendon	35	34	57	51	122
King's Ford, Colchester	31	35	45	45	128
Highways & Finance Co, Halesford	55	55	31	45	127
Highways, St. Edmund-Hope	35	34	57	51	122
Bloch C, Colchester	19	47	42	37	122

John Ray, Brampton	89	01	36	38	128
Winter Gardens, Carvery Island	82	39	81	36	128
Reservoir, Valley, Colchester	81	07	36	38	128
St Mary's, Colchester	18	44	31	50	129
Thames, Witham	80	42	42	41	129
Thameside, Grays	80	42	42	41	129
St Mary's R.C. Tibbury	31	36	59	29	129
Wolton, Walton on the Naze	22	50	30	36	129
Gringy Grove, Blandford	61	36	38	38	129
St Andrew's, Colchester	61	36	38	38	129
Stratford, Rochford	11	18	27	79	130
Stapleford Abbotts, Col, Romford	39	09	36	23	130
St Andrew's, Colchester	39	09	36	23	130
Spinnery, Harlow	98	48	36	32	130
Northlands, Epsdown	98	48	36	32	130
St Andrew's, Colchester	98	48	36	32	130
Bournemouth Park, Southend-on-Sea	54	43	31	38	131
Grays, Southend-on-Sea	54	43	31	38	131
St Andrew's, Col, Epping	29	34	38	44	131
Barnston, South Oxendon	29	34	38	44	131
St Andrew's, Colchester	29	34	38	44	131
Middle Wood, Harlow	10	39	33	39	111
Milton Hall, Westcott-on-Sea	66	29	41	41	111
Alendon, Loughborough	28	35	38	38	111
Hereward, Loughborough	37	41	38	30	111
Chase Lane, Harwich	33	36	30	42	106
Thorpe, Southend-on-Sea	44	43	36	39	107
Avon, South Oxendon	44	43	36	39	107
Thursley, Benfleet	67	28	34	34	107
Purfleet, Thurrock	67	28	34	34	107
Weston, Col, Brentwood	17	26	29	41	105
Harwich, Harwich	27	30	30	44	104
Weston, Col, Brentwood	27	30	30	44	104
Swan Mead, Col, Brentwood	45	29	27	47	102
Harringham, Grays	61	20	44	38	102
Cherry, Grays	61	20	44	38	102
Hazekers, Colchester	48	36	33	33	101
Noridge, Blandford	15	43	30	27	100
Chapel Hill, Blandford	32	36	32	32	100
Brickos, Blandford	30	36	34	28	98
Chesham St Mary, Grays	87	38	34	27	97
Chesham, Grays	87	38	34	27	97
Melbourne Park, Chelmsford	20	25	36	36	87
Richmond, Southend-on-Sea	50	39	29	30	94
Down, Harlow	26	17	36	36	87
Elm Hall, Col, Witham	15	22	40	27	81
Lille Pardon, Harlow	69	35	37	21	94
Chesham, Harlow	69	35	37	21	94
Northwick Park, Carvery Island	70	21	36	33	89
Westmarch, Harlow	32	34	22	34	86
Penfold, Brentford	39	23	39	33	83
Prizes Avenue, Westcott-on-Sea	53	26	28	23	81
Prizes, Col, Harlow	53	26	28	23	81
Prizes, Col, Harlow	53	26	28	23	81

St Anne's, Colchester	22	22	38	22	60
William Reed, Carvery Island	56	57	27	27	54
Wesley, Leighton Buzzard	26	34	26	24	76
Hare Street, Haslemere	81	21	22	22	77
Whitmore, Basildon	78	15	22	27	75
25, 26, Harlow	22	26	26	26	70
West Thurock, Grays	21	18	16	29	65
Bacton Green, Bognor	20	35	16	15	65
Southfield, Chichester	32	25	10	10	62
Rydenes Co, Basildon	26	31	15	15	61
Fliss Co, Basildon	31	25	18	15	59
Shaw, South Ockendon	34	23	13	29	59
Peckham, Maud Co, Harlow	28	18	18	28	56
Greenstead, Basildon	32	27	10	13	55
Tilbury Manor, Tilbury	63	17	17	16	53
Bordley, Basildon	47	17	15	14	53
Shelley, Orpington	20	25	15	5	4
Lansdowne, Tilbury	63	16	16	8	3
Wesley Lodge, Tilbury	14	14	14	8	3
Bluehouse, Basildon	42	12	14	10	3
Landon Park, Basildon	12	17	8	9	3
Bennyngale, South Ockendon	32	9	13	9	3
LEA AVERAGE:			52.1	52.1	60.1

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How to read the tables

● Schools, including voluntary-aided and grant-maintained, are listed by local authority.

● The tables show the percentage of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum in last year's tests. The Department for Education and Employment calculated the results on the basis of pupils eligible to sit the tests, irrespective of absences.

● Schools which submitted all their test results are ranked on an aggregate of scores in the three subjects (see column five). Those with incomplete data have been omitted, as are those where fewer than ten pupils sat the tests.

No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: aggregate of results
	English	Maths
1	100	100
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ISLE OF WIGHT				
Trinity, Newport	100	77	72	89 238
Mayfield CC, Ryde	103	77	85	87 229
St. Andrew's, Cowes	88	55	57	87 189
Canterbury MG, Newport	77	88	87	85 260
Venlor, Ventnor	90	56	51	80 187
St. Nicholas' Church, Ryde	95	61	43	82 185
St. John's, Sandown	125	50	50	73 182
Downside, Newport	75	51	53	77 181
St. Mary's, Sandown	91	39	37	65 176
Nadhill, Newport	104	55	46	94 170
Swanmore, Ryde	87	55	46	85 167
St. Peter's, Sandown	115	50	55	80 166
Somerton, Cowes	75	44	47	85 159
St. George's, Newport	45	39	41	70 150
St. Andrew's, Freshwater	82	40	42	58 133
Osborne CC, East Cowes	89	45	41	81 147

ISLES OF SCILLY		22 55 73 82 210			
Cam Gwael, St Marys					

KENT		11 100 100 100 300			
Crookham Hill CE, Edenbridge	11	100	100	100	300
St Andrew's CE, Cranbrook	11	81	100	100	291
Stanzard CE, Sevenoaks	11	81	81	81	253
Christington CE, Edenbridge	12	92	92	92	276
Lower Halstead, Sittingbourne	16	94	94	94	276
St Andrew's, Tunbridge Wells	16	94	94	94	276

No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better	School rating: Aggregate of results
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No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better inc.	School rating appropriate of results
Englewood	60%	Meets State
Mesa	78%	Exceeds State

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No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	School rating: aggregate of results	
		English	Science
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KNOWSLEY						Edgar G. Shaw
on CE, Widnes	13	85	82	90	254	Sh
Farnley RC, Liverpool	28	79	86	93	277	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	33	82	88	92	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	42	82	82	82	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	58	80	75	93	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	71	78	71	79	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	85	75	75	75	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	98	72	58	90	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	108	69	69	69	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	114	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	120	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	126	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	132	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	138	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	144	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	150	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	156	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	162	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	168	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	174	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	180	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	186	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	192	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	198	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	204	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	210	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	216	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	222	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	228	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	234	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	240	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	246	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	252	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	258	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	264	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	270	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	276	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	282	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	288	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	294	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	300	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	306	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	312	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	318	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	324	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	330	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	336	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	342	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	348	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	354	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	360	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	366	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	372	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	378	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	384	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	390	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	396	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	402	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	408	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	414	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	420	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	426	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	432	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	438	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	444	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	450	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	456	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	462	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	468	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	474	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	480	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	486	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	492	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	498	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	504	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	510	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	516	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	522	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	528	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	534	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	540	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	546	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	552	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	558	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	564	55	55	55	282	Sh
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Widnes RC, Liverpool	576	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	582	55	55	55	282	Sh
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Widnes RC, Liverpool	600	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	606	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	612	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	618	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	624	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	630	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	636	55	55	55	282	Sh
Widnes RC, Liverpool	642	55	55	55	282	Sh
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No. of eligible pupils	Of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:		School rating aggregate of results
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Year six pupils at Crockham Hill CE school, Edenbridge, Kent, take part in a maths lesson. The school headed the county's test table

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SCHOOL	No. of pupils attending	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in
Rawdon Lidoemore, L815 9HW	41	61	73	78	21
Holy Family RC, L812 2LH	26	68	61	82	21
Spring Bank, L86 1AD	23	65	70	74	20
St Philip's RC, L810 9GL	23	65	70	74	20
Oliver St Joseph's RC, L821 3AP	23	65	70	74	20
Tinnishill, L816 9NE	12	68	67	88	20
St John's, L815 9AL	48	57	68	76	20
Deighton, L822 7GB	23	65	70	74	20
Long Lane, L826 7JA	83	70	58	79	20
West Gorton, L825 1LL	52	69	65	73	20
St Michael's RC, L816 9TH	23	65	70	74	20
Kippax Greenfield, L825 7PA	31	61	59	70	20
Kirkstall Valley, L814 2DZ	31	61	59	70	20
St Nicholas RC, L816 9TH	23	65	70	74	20
Stanningley, L826 8FE	21	57	71	71	19
Seacroft Heath RC, L814 2FT	26	73	65	68	19
St Andrew's, L815 9AP	24	60	67	79	19
All Saints, L821 18B	23	65	70	74	19
Cafeteria Parkside, L828 5PO	20	55	65	73	19
Craspel Airedale, L81 3PD	67	69	69	69	19
Colony, L815 9AL	71	67	77	77	19
Thomas Chippendale, L811 25F	42	62	64	79	19
Waterloo, L828 7SR	22	59	54	74	19
Fieldhead Carr, L814 2EG	42	62	64	79	19
Bacchopates, WFS 10Q	20	52	49	60	19
Christ The King RC, L813 2DX	31	71	48	71	19
Raynville, L815 2TG	66	66	63	71	19
Quarry Parkside, L826 6ED	23	65	70	74	19
Gleashow, L816 1PL	70	70	60	80	19
Low Road, L810 2PB	19	68	59	84	18
South View, L810 9TH	30	65	73	73	18
Pudsey Southroyd, L816 8AT	40	60	56	73	18
St Theresa's RC, L815 9RG	48	65	61	73	18
St Michael's RC, L816 9TH	23	65	70	74	18
Gilderdale Barchfield, L827 7HD	34	42	48	70	18
East Airedale, WFS 2BA	52	60	56	67	18
Fr Titus, L817 7HB	22	59	54	62	18
St Andrew's, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	18
Cutton, L826 8NT	39	62	64	69	18
Archbishop Channer CE, L817 7HL	24	68	63	63	18
Fieldhead Carr, L814 2EG	42	62	64	79	18
Rodley, L813 1HW	11	55	55	73	18
Christ Ch of Amley CE, L812 3NU	28	61	67	84	18
Gilderdale, L827 7AB	44	64	59	68	18
St Andrew's, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	18
Kirkstall St Philip's CE, L85 3DQ	28	61	61	88	17
Levens Park, L812 9EX	33	62	48	79	17
St Andrew's, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	17
Holy Rary & St Anne's RC, L87 4AW	35	67	67	83	17
Mount St Mary's RC, L89 8LR	41	61	48	70	17
Drighlington, L811 1LN	48	66	58	69	17
St Andrew's, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	17
Armley, L812 1VL	29	66	61	76	17
Lower Woodhouse, L815 4PK	22	66	61	66	17
South View, L810 9TH	30	65	73	73	17
Westwood, L810 4AN	44	50	50	70	17
Bankhouse, L81 4LE	54	41	59	69	17
Roadside, L815 9TH	29	62	64	73	17
St Andrew's RC, L811 7JB	29	68	26	64	17
Queensway, L816 7LF	30	57	53	67	17
Earl Gardens, L86 7PY	32	58	75	53	17
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	17
Langdale, L826 8BY	17	53	47	59	17
Rothwell, L826 0DQ	31	62	65	71	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Swillington, L826 8OX	40	58	56	60	16
Winterton, L815 0EU	50	64	46	54	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Kunstler St Mary's CE, L810 2YD	30	56	36	65	16
Kippax North, L826 1EW	19	37	37	74	16
Brudenell, L815 9TH	34	57	47	74	16
St John's, L815 9AL	48	57	68	76	16
Victoria, L819 9ER	31	55	48	68	16
Bramley, L815 9TH	39	48	41	54	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Upper Woodhouse, L812 4LF	40	42	47	73	16
St Gregory's, L814 3LS	42	48	31	60	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Greenhill, L813 4JQ	42	40	33	33	16
Hovingham, L88 3QY	50	32	40	54	16
Richmond Hill, L88 8OP	27	30	42	42	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Grimeswood, L814 5BY	60	40	38	50	16
All Saints's CE, L815 9EX	28	42	38	42	16
Hunslet Farm, L811 6EL	36	24	28	38	16
Sandford, L813 3DZ	30	37	37	47	16
St Bartholomew's CE, L812 1BF	54	41	43	37	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Hugh Gaskell, L811 8AB	60	43	48	38	16
Brownhill, L819 7DH	45	46	40	46	16
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	16
Burley St Matthias CE, L814 2HY	24	38	29	46	16
Christ Church RC, L89 0HA	55	22	35	56	15
Ryedale, L812 4YQ	44	41	29	45	15
Middletown St Mary's CE, L810 3SW	44	41	29	45	15
Cross Flatts Park, L811 7DG	29	46	24	41	15
Beckwithhead, L814 60B	53	28	33	33	15
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	15
Osmondthorpe, L89 0JG	44	11	30	68	15
Hunslet Carr, L812 2DN	50	40	24	43	15
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	15
Victoria, L819 9ER	59	38	35	29	14
Whitcliffe, L813 2LO	54	42	28	34	14
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	14
Beeston St Luke's CE, L811 8ND	34	26	29	44	14
Middletown, L810 4NU	42	26	23	50	14
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	14
Severn Hills, L827 5LA	30	32	32	27	14
Cockson, L815 8LA	30	53	23	17	13
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	13
Shakespeare, L810 7HD	28	32	21	39	12
Cottamgill, L811 0HD	44	32	25	34	11
Wythbeck, L89 6QJ	39	26	21	44	11
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	11
Bentley, L85 4AJ	28	23	21	38	11
Beckett Park, L816 3NT	51	23	22	19	10
Capplegate, L816 9AW	39	23	19	30	10
Leopold, L817 4AW	19	21	21	32	9
Miles Hill, L817 2RF	37	24	19	30	7
Lille London, L817 1SR	30	24	19	26	7
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	7
Royal Park, L86 1YU	18	13	20	33	6
Hillcrest, L817 4DR	37	27	19	19	6
Gipton Wood, L88 3DX	38	16	16	21	8
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	6
Wyther Park, L88 3QY	42	26	14	19	6
Quarry Moor, L85 2JP	26	15	19	23	5
Windmill, L810 3HD	60	23	10	20	5
St Andrew's RC, L816 9TH	30	65	73	73	5
Harnsworth Wood, L85 3QE	43	14	9	19	4
Ingram Road, L811 9LA	23	17	9	13	3
Potternewton, L81 2DR	30	10	10	13	3
Seacroft Grange, L814 8JR	40	10	10	13	3
L8A AVERAGES:		56.4	56.5	64.5	

LEICESTERSHIRE				
Wymondley CE Loughborough	12	100	100	100
Thurston CE, Leicester	14	86	100	100
St Francis RC, Melton Mowbray	32	97	91	97
Robertson CE, Leicester	31	91	94	98
Longbridge CE, Coalville	38	90	90	97
Seacroft Heath RC, Loughborough	38	89	81	94
Elizabeth Woodville, Leicester	39	77	82	97
St Mary & St John CE Oakham	15	87	80	87
St Andrew's CE, Loughborough	13	82	89	92
Danemill Co, Leicester	73	77	84	90
Holywell, Loughborough	53	72	85	89
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	71	72	80	89
Asby de la Z-C, Asby de la Zouch	45	73	82	89

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Springfield, Sale	90	70	77	87	28
Wellfield, Sale	80	87	89	78	28
Kington, Manchester	83	82	82	82	28
Our L of The Rosary RC, Manchester	22	77	68	82	22
St Vincent's RC, Altrincham	48	81	73	63	22
Woodleys, Sale	33	74	75	77	22
Clayfield, Manchester	33	73	84	84	22
Emmidge, Altrincham	33	82	84	76	22
Heyes Lane, Altrincham	85	85	62	74	22
Kington, Manchester	72	84	84	84	22
Al Saints RC, Sale	39	74	67	77	21
St Ann's RC, Manchester	49	71	78	71	21
St John's RC, Sale	24	63	74	74	21
Bolton, Altrincham	22	73	58	77	21
St Monica's RC, Manchester	41	65	73	75	20
St Hugh of Lincoln, Manchester	34	65	63	63	20
Clayfield, Altrincham	44	65	65	68	20
Navigation, Altrincham	36	66	67	69	19
Woodhouse, Manchester	20	60	60	67	19
Clayfield, Manchester	73	68	59	59	19
Moorelands, Sale	73	68	62	62	19
Park Road, Altrincham	35	60	63	66	18
Kington, Manchester	35	71	57	60	18
Altrincham CE, Altrincham	29	62	62	59	18
St Margaret Ward RC, Sale	16	63	50	69	18
St Mary's RC, Manchester	15	62	57	63	18
St Yves's RC, Manchester	31	71	52	45	18
Woodstead, Manchester	29	38	56	86	18
Clayfield, Manchester	68	44	61	72	18
Moss Park, Manchester	67	55	49	49	18
Partington, Manchester	59	41	61	66	14
Broadhead, Manchester	32	53	41	53	14
Our L of Lourdes, Manchester	30	40	41	39	14
Our L of Lourdes, Manchester	30	53	43	43	13
Kirk's Road, Manchester	56	35	36	43	13
Partington, Manchester	47	40	40	40	13
St Mary's CE, Manchester	16	44	25	56	12
Gorse Hill Co, Manchester	50	50	34	40	12
St Hilda's CE, Manchester	30	37	43	40	12
St Michael's, Manchester	39	36	35	35	12
St Michael's, Manchester	33	48	33	36	11
Moss View, Manchester	17	29	47	35	11
St Alphonsus RC, Altrincham	22	39	32	45	11
St Andrew's RC, Manchester	73	56	26	35	11
St Matthew's CE, Manchester	28	35	29	39	10
Cherry Manor, Sale	42	38	24	40	10
St Paul's RC, Manchester	36	19	27	35	10
Old Trafford Co, Manchester	55	36	29	15	9
Seymour Park, Manchester	80	33	25	29	7
Blenfold, Altrincham	31	32	18	21	7
LEA AVERAGES:	63.1	67.4	68.6		

WAKEFIELD

St Ignatius RC, Osselt	12	83	94	100	278
Lobhouse Gale, Wakefield	47	85	94	102	278
Larks Hill, Pontefract	29	86	99	100	288
Kirkhamgate, Wakefield	14	86	86	88	256
St Andrew's CE, Pontefract	22	72	100	100	256
St John's CE, Wakefield	24	79	83	79	248
Sacred Heart RC, Pontefract	11	89	79	96	238
St Joseph's RC, Pontefract WfY 2BP	34	80	85	82	238
Knottingsley Vale, Pontefract	30	80	87	87	234
St Andrew's CE, Wakefield	28	78	88	78	234
St Joseph's RC, Pontefract WfR 4AA	26	73	73	85	233
Walton, Wakefield	49	78	69	84	231
St Joseph's RC, Castleford	26	81	69	77	228
St Paul's RC, Wakefield	22	72	74	81	228
Horbury St Peter's CE, Wakefield	65	69	72	82	222
Roots Nest, Wakefield	34	79	85	79	222
South Parade, Osselt	63	79	63	81	221
St Paul's CE, Wakefield	72	78	72	72	221
St Paul's CE, Wakefield	62	73	69	77	219
England Lane, Knottingsley	27	63	74	81	219
Mount, Wakefield	22	72	72	72	219
Three Lane End, Castleford	68	68	68	68	219
St George's, Wakefield	19	68	63	72	219
Holy Family, St Michael's, Pontefract	28	68	61	79	206
St James CE, Wakefield	47	66	57	85	206

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● Schools, including voluntary-aided and grant-maintained, are listed by local authority.

● The tables show the percentage of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum in last year's tests. The Department for Education and Employment calculated the results on the basis of pupils eligible to sit the tests, irrespective of absences.

● Schools which submitted all their test results are ranked on an aggregate of scores in the three subjects (see column five). Those with incomplete data have been omitted, as are those where fewer than ten pupils sat the tests.

SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in % of total pupils	English	Maths	Science
Whitewater Lane, Coventry	25	48	44	90
Birkwood, Tamworth	56	61	54	54
Cublington CE, Leamington Spa	44	64	50	169
St Nicholas, Leamington Spa	53	58	53	136
Our Lady's RC, Alcester	13	62	46	162
Woodles, Warwick	82	57	51	162
St Nicholas, Leamington Spa	47	37	38	162
Racemeadow, Altherstone	45	47	51	158
Michael Drayton, Nuneaton	154	50	42	151
St Mary's, Nuneaton	44	36	37	147
St Mary's RC, Warwick	24	45	40	146
Tamworth CE, Tamworth-in-Arden	31	48	48	144
St Nicholas, Leamington Spa	53	43	54	136
Wolver CE, Hinckley	21	38	38	122
Baddestley Green, Altherstone	30	37	37	127
St Giles, Coventry	31	56	43	114
St Patrick's RC, Leamington Spa	25	56	24	124
Boughton Leigh, Rugby	84	43	45	120
Gaydon Co, Leamington Spa	51	48	41	114
Conventry Newland, Coventry	28	36	36	115
Queen's CE, Nuneaton	84	38	33	114
St Benedict's RC, Altherstone	38	37	38	114
Henry Beilano CE, Nuneaton	16	44	25	114
Al Saints CE, Warwick	62	34	36	113
Dordon, Tamworth	25	46	25	100
Whitwell, Leamington Spa	35	29	37	100
Camp Hill, Nuneaton	55	25	20	75

William Penn, Co. H, 18th	11	81	91	90	282
St Peter's RC, East Grinstead	28	83	90	87	282
Heron Way Co, Hornham	44	87	81	86	277
Adelphibourne Co, Chichester	47	85	81	96	274
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	46	85	81	86	274
Rudgwick, Co, Hornham	24	83	92	86	271
St Giles CE, Haywards Heath	12	73	100	92	266
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	18	88	88	88	266
St Andrew's CE, Hornham	17	82	88	84	264
Albourne CE, Haslewood	16	88	81	88	257
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	14	84	84	84	254
Holbrook Co, Hornham	29	79	89	86	248
Lavant CE, Chichester	11	55	91	90	246
St Nicolas/St Mary, Shoreham-by-Sea	34	85	76	88	246
St Andrew's, Chichester	34	85	76	88	246
Lindfield, Haywards Heath	52	81	75	88	244
Johnfield CE, Hornham	32	81	84	78	243
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	17	74	71	87	240
Warnham CE, Hornham	25	85	95	90	240
Crawley Down CE, Crawley	70	69	81	89	239
St John's RC, Hornham	31	84	84	89	238
St Andrew's, Chichester	20	80	70	85	235
Niffards Wood, Haywards Heath	48	73	81	81	233
Bachmarches Co, Haywards Heath	31	84	68	81	233
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	73	73	73	73	233
Estotons Co, East Grinstead	49	69	73	80	232
St Joseph's RC, Haywards Heath	44	80	84	85	230
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	46	80	84	86	230
Ichingfield Co, Hornham	18	72	72	83	227
Bachmarch, East Grinstead	73	67	73	86	226
Copthorne CE, Copthorne	61	81	68	79	226
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	63	73	73	73	226
London Moleed Co, Burgess Hill	62	73	71	81	225
Milton Mill Co, Crawley	44	68	70	86	224
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	44	68	70	86	224
Halfpenny Park CE, East Grinstead	60	78	73	73	221
Seal Co, Chichester	40	73	73	73	221
Vale Co, Worthing	65	76	68	73	221
St Andrew's, Haywards Heath	65	76	68	73	221
Broadwater CE, Worthing	60	72	85	83	219
West Houghty CE, East Grinstead	16	56	75	88	218

Thames, Pulborough	118	75	64	76	215
Thames & Avon, Worthing	181	82	67	68	215
St Peter's RC, Shoreham-by-Sea	22	84	66	62	214
St Paul's, Brighton	75	72	65	62	214
Midhurst Int, Midhurst	124	59	68	63	211
Southwater Co, Horsham	76	73	59	59	211
St Andrew's, Horsham Heath	69	73	69	69	210
Ferring CE, Worthing	26	77	62	69	206
Downover, Bognor Regis	42	69	62	76	207
St Margaret's, Lancing	44	65	59	63	207
St Andrew's, Brighton	76	73	63	70	207
St Wilfrid's CE, Haywards Heath	59	58	69	61	206
Three Bridges, Crawley	50	50	68	68	206
St Andrew's, Crawley	72	59	74	70	206
St Mary's CE, East Grinstead	27	78	56	70	204
East Preston, Littlehampton	67	72	52	76	203
Scaynes Hill CE, Haywards Heath	16	63	68	69	201
St John's, Chichester	20	65	65	65	201
Eastburgate CE, Chichester	20	65	65	65	201
Fishbourne CE, Chichester	27	67	63	70	200
St Andrew's, Chichester	71	71	63	70	200
Nth Heath, Horsham	45	60	64	76	200
St Peter's CE, Haywards Heath	12	67	58	79	200
West Park CE, Worthing	133	71	65	64	200
St John's, Chichester	73	73	63	70	199
Wilmfords Co, Hassocks	63	65	64	70	199
English Marlings RC, Worthing	33	67	61	70	198
St Andrew's, Brighton	76	73	63	70	198
Buckingham, Shoreham-by-Sea	107	62	54	74	192
St Wilfrid's RC, Burgess Hill	34	71	47	74	192
Kingsham Co, Chichester	44	54	61	76	191
St Mary's, Chichester	52	62	61	76	191
Tangmere, Chichester	27	63	58	70	189
Nth Lancing Co, Lancing	50	51	58	69	188
St Andrew's, Bognor Regis	52	52	55	65	188
Arundel CE, Arundel	16	31	31	75	187
Burgess Tufnell CE, Bognor Regis	67	60	55	71	186
St Andrew's, East Grinstead	54	54	54	71	186
Nholmes Co, Horsham	53	56	53	75	186
Turners Hill CE, Crawley	20	70	40	75	185
St Andrew's CE, Crawley	31	61	52	71	184
St Andrew's, Crawley	54	54	54	71	184
Chesswood Co, Worthing	98	55	61	68	182
St Margaret's CE, Littlehampton	38	61	65	65	182
St Andrew's, Chichester	54	63	74	71	182
Nth Mundham, Chichester	31	59	52	71	181
Ashurstwood, East Grinstead	23	61	48	70	179
St Andrew's, Chichester	55	55	55	65	178
Leedford Lane, Horsham	40	50	53	65	178
Southgate Co, Crawley	47	53	55	65	176
Southbourne, Emsworth	65	62	52	68	172
St Andrew's, Brighton	49	61	58	67	172
Downsbrook, Worthing	62	56	48	67	169
Meads Co, East Grinstead	42	54	45	50	169
Worthing, Burgess Hill	51	54	54	50	167
Manor Hill, Brighton	81	56	54	50	167
Sidlesham, Chichester	12	50	47	67	167
St Andrew's, Chichester	68	63	53	65	166
St Catherine's RC, Littlehampton	20	55	45	65	165
Shelley Co, Horsham	35	63	46	54	163
St Andrew's, Bognor Regis	60	56	46	54	162
Marion Field Co, Burgess Hill	89	46	46	50	162
Barnham Co, Bognor Regis	38	47	53	61	161
Walbourn & Bissard CE, Arundel	26	57	57	68	161
St Andrew's, Brighton	53	53	53	61	159
Westbourne, Emsworth	42	55	55	59	159
East Wiltshire Co, Chichester	81	51	36	81	159
St Andrew's, Brighton	104	47	47	51	158
Haywards Co, Haywards Heath	38	54	33	67	154
Michael Ayns, Bognor Regis	102	48	44	62	154
St Andrew's, Littlehampton	51	48	48	51	153
Silfield CE, Horsham	21	48	48	57	153
Edward Bryant Co, Bognor Regis	29	45	48	69	152
St Andrew's, Bognor Regis	48	48	48	57	152
Orchards, Worthing	82	40	49	63	152
St Lawrence CE, Hassocks	48	48	54	50	152
St Andrew's, Brighton	61	22	67	5	152
Gossops Green, Crawley	87	53	40	55	148
St Mary's RC, Worthing	29	62	48	48	148
St Andrew's, Crawley	40	56	46	48	148
Flora McDonald, Littlehampton	95	38	37	73	146
Funtington Co, Chichester	13	38	31	77	146
St Andrew's, Brighton	45	45	36	57	138
Langley Green, Crawley	32	48	48	48	138
St James Co, Chichester	54	41	41	54	136
St Richard's RC, Chichester	26	48	32	56	136
St Andrew's, Chichester	53	41	41	54	136
Southgate West, Crawley	41	41	37	56	136
Rustington, Littlehampton	93	57	42	34	133
St Andrew's, Brighton	33	66	13	66	133
Bewbush, Crawley	104	38	31	61	130
White Street, Crawley	48	38	45	48	130
St Andrew's, Brighton & Bognor Regis	28	45	45	48	130
Brookfield East, Worthing	31	47	49	24	131
Bishop Boff, Worthing	36	33	42	42	122
Dunington, Worthing	134	44	34	42	122
St Andrew's, Brighton	63	41	41	41	122
Oakfield Co, Lancing	92	38	27	48	119
Balwode Hill Co, East Grinstead	22	32	27	50	114
Thornbury, Lancing	60	38	32	25	96
St Andrew's, Brighton	40	40	25	69	96
Desmond Anderson, Crawley	80	30	30	30	90
Thorney Is Co, Emsworth	11	36	15	36	90
St Andrew's, Brighton & Bognor Regis	19	37	32	37	90
LEA Ayns, Crawley	99	54	54	52	93

St Philip's CE, Manchester	38	87	87	89	263
St Benedict's RC, Wigan	19	89	89	84	262
Gilded Hollins, Leigh	35	91	77	94	282
St James' RC, Wigan	41	85	85	88	258
Lowton West, Warrington	58	76	86	88	250

Pupils at Dunnington CE school, York, make musical instruments for a science project on sound. The school headed York's league table

SCHOOL	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in % of schools	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in % of schools	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in % of schools
Woodfield, Wigan	35	89	80
Whitfield CE, Wigan	44	77	82
Westley, Wigan	35	79	81
Nicol Mercey, Wigan	55	82	75
St Bernadette's RC, Wigan	13	86	89
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	68	87	88
St Mary's RC, Wigan	31	84	77
St Wilfred's CE, Wigan	47	89	70
St Andrew's CE, Manchester	28	76	72
Leigh CE, Leigh	78	74	86
St Thomas CE, Wigan	36	84	83
Christ Church CE, Leigh	31	71	76
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	68	87	88
Millbrook, Wigan	32	75	78
Our Lady's RC, Wigan	21	86	87
St Andrew's CE, Manchester	28	70	73
Lowtoun, Warrington	18	87	89
Sacred Heart RC, Leigh	44	70	66
St Cuthbert's RC, Wigan	57	72	85
Shevington Vale, Wigan	14	50	93
St Catherine's RC, Warrington	29	83	89
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	68	87	71
Holy Family RC, Manchester	38	74	68
St Richard's RC, Manchester	39	84	77
St George's CE, Manchester	39	89	74
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	28	69	83
St Oswald's RC, Wigan	37	96	70
Maurus Bridge, Wigan	42	74	87
St James's Road, Wigan	70	70	84
Westfield St Paul's RC, Leigh	28	68	71
St Mary & St John RC, Wigan	35	69	69
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	68	87	74
St Paul's CE, Wigan	30	77	77
Al Saints RC, Warrington	19	74	53
St John's RC, Wigan	52	72	77
Low Hall, Wigan	72	69	68
St James's Road, Wigan	35	57	74
Garrett Hall, Manchester	61	56	74
St James's Road, Wigan	70	70	65
Hindley GM St John's, Wigan	35	60	70
R. Hughes, Wigan	72	62	61
Hindley Wesleyan, Wigan	52	76	78
St Thomas CE, Leigh	64	72	61
Halg & Asquith SD CE, Wigan	16	69	66
St George's RC, Wigan	19	60	67
Shevington, Wigan	55	67	45
Downall Green RC, Wigan	23	74	43
St James's Road, Wigan	59	58	72
Bickershaw CE, Wigan	28	57	61
St Mary's CE, Warrington	31	59	66
St James's Road, Wigan	70	54	69
Holy Family RC, Wigan	32	66	45
St John The Baptist CE, Wigan	23	62	55
Hindley GM, Wigan	38	67	63
Sacred Heart RC, Manchester	25	52	60
Bedford Hall Meth, Leigh	19	53	63
St Edward's RC, Wigan	51	65	53
St Stephen's CE, Wigan	51	61	64
Twiss Apostles RC, Leigh	27	48	70
Hindley GM, Wigan	38	42	47
Altherton St G's CE, Manchester	69	49	57
Chorlton, Manchester	26	50	65
St James's Road, Wigan	31	58	39
St Peter's CE, Wigan WNC 3EA	41	59	41
St Jude's RC, Wigan	41	59	41
St James's Road, Wigan	90	43	44
Abraham Gm, Wigan	46	41	48
Abraham CE, Wigan	36	61	61
St Mary's CE, Wigan	21	62	57
Hindley GM, Wigan	52	52	52
St John Southworth RC, Wigan	16	56	50
Scott Lane Co, Wigan	28	43	50
St Edward's RC, Wigan	33	72	38
Beech Hill, Wigan	71	49	39
St Joseph's RC, Leigh	37	49	51
St James's Road, Wigan	61	53	57
St Stephen's CE, Wigan	23	45	45
Leigh Central, Leigh	25	40	40
St James's Road, Wigan	42	42	42
Orrill Lamberhead Gm Co, Wigan	68	40	46
St John's Wesleyan Gm Co, Manchester	20	50	35
St James's Road, Wigan WNC 40D	26	46	35
Holy Family RC, Wigan	37	47	37
Hindfold CE, Manchester	26	50	36
St Anne's CE, Wigan	21	52	33
St James's Road, Wigan	19	52	37
Perry Brook, Wigan	21	28	33
St Thomas CE, Warrington	32	28	33
Hindley, Wigan	31	35	34
St James's Road, Wigan	24	34	34
Belle Green CE, Wigan	13	46	46
Leigh Westfield Meth, Leigh	19	25	37
St James's Road, Wigan	17	47	41
Britannia Bridge, Wigan	8	38	29
Higher Folds Co, Leigh	18	26	32
St James's Road, Wigan	20	30	30
St William's RC, Wigan	29	21	28
Meadowhead, Manchester	33	24	27
St James's Road, Wigan	28	27	15
St Mark's CE, Wigan	28	27	15

SCHOOL	No. of pupils attending	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in	Score per pupil
Castle Hill CE, Wigan	34	35	15
St Joseph's RC, Dewsbury	25	28	22
Mersey Green, Wigan	40	27	8
Inco-In-Materialised CE, Wigan	56	21	18
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WILTSHIRE				
Stanton St, Quindin, Chippenham	14	93	100	100
Lymington Millcroft CE, Swindon	14	100	98	100
St Mary's RC, Chippenham	42	98	98	95
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	10	100	88	86
Ashton Keynes, Swindon	18	79	78	54
Bishop's Cennings CE, Devizes	15	87	73	54
Swindon St Nicholas, Marlborough	12	82	65	53
Swinton Vary CE, Warrminster	14	79	79	60
Lungley Fitzwater CE, Chippenham	13	82	68	52
St Joseph's RC, Devizes	32	84	71	53
Wansley CE, Bradford-on-Avon	28	91	74	57
Shew CE, Melksham	26	93	73	62
Swinton Bengers CE, Chippenham	12	83	63	53
Chertsey CE, Calne	17	73	67	57
Wentworth, Swindon	15	87	90	80
All Cannings CE, Devizes	15	73	80	83
Burgham, Marlborough	69	69	65	53
Newton, Corsham	24	88	75	63
St Nicholas CE, Chippenham	13	92	82	82
St Mary's CE, Swindon	14	74	74	70
Redclyffe CE, Salisbury	20	75	80	80
Forest & Sandridge CE, Melksham	16	81	89	84
Rushall CE, Pewsey	14	79	78	85
Wentworth Park, Swindon	36	75	75	82
Rowle CE, Devizes	17	71	82	88
Coltishoups CE, Marlborough	22	86	86	86
Southwell, Melksham	18	81	89	89
Cruddell CE, Melksham	13	89	89	85
Stratton St Margaret Gange, Swindon	82	77	72	88
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	15	84	71	71
Northweir, Swindon	29	75	72	86
Shaw Ridge, Swindon	25	76	88	88
St George's CE, Warrminster	61	73	75	75
Pizzcroft, Trowbridge	31	77	77	77
St Bartholomew's CE, Swindon	47	74	72	87
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	15	84	71	71
Box CE, Corsham	14	79	71	79
Water Porell CE, Chippenham	11	64	84	100
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	28	74	71	83
St Andrew's, Salisbury	15	80	80	80
St Barnabas's CE, Devizes	25	70	87	87
St Andrew's, Swindon	40	70	73	83
Winton & Marston, Devizes	17	80	80	80
Fitzmaurice, Bradford-on-Avon	46	74	74	76
St George's CE, Trowbridge	41	58	73	83
St George's, Wootton Bassett	38	73	73	73
Kennel Valley, Marlborough	15	87	80	73
Holy Road, Swindon	50	63	77	77
St John's CE, Marlborough	15	74	74	74
Downton CE, Salisbury	32	59	81	79
St Giles Highkings, Corsham	24	71	67	89
St Mary Leigh CE, Warrminster	30	75	75	71
New Close, Warrminster	30	73	83	80
Over Torrilme CE, Swindon	76	54	74	86
St George's CE, Warrminster	25	65	70	85
St Peter's CE, Devizes	20	70	98	90
Wentworthme Earls CE, Salisbury	20	75	85	75
Edinburgh Earl Dardley's CE, Chippenham	18	78	85	85
Lynham, Marlborough	66	70	84	73
Aleoric, Melksham	63	60	59	83
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	18	67	78	87
St Edmund's RC, Salisbury	26	79	87	87
Hamme CE, Salisbury	74	70	86	71
St George's CE, Hungerford	17	75	67	80
Norwester, Swindon	69	68	69	79
Oare CE, Marlborough	12	83	80	75
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	15	83	87	87
Brookfield CE, Swindon	25	72	78	78
Minster CE, Warrminster	25	64	66	72
North Bradley CE, Trowbridge	24	71	39	75
St Sampson's CE, Swindon	30	75	57	71
Freshford, Swindon	18	72	67	61
Brookbrook CE, Warrminster	64	61	60	79
St David Badwyns, Marlborough	14	53	54	92
St Andrew's CE, Calne	50	50	71	71
Sherraton CE, Melkesham	13	77	46	50
St Peter's CE, Marlborough	70	63	59	76
St John's CE, Marlborough	70	63	59	76
Gordonson CE, Salisbury	20	70	80	80
St Christopher CE, Bradford-on-Avon	78	62	65	67
Trowbridge, Trowbridge	36	72	47	75
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	17	58	71	133
St Andrew CE, Swindon	14	57	64	84
Staverton CE, Trowbridge	13	73	38	77
Staverton CE, Swindon	84	71	32	86
St Andrew CE, Swindon	40	80	57	84
Pewsey, Pewsey	32	59	56	75
Overmeadmore, Swindon	32	64	64	81
St Mary's CE, Swindon	40	64	54	86
Jay Lane, Chippenham	53	60	50	86

SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in No. of children present	50	60	70	80	90	100
Chesdon, Swindon	37	65	57	65	18		
Clarendon, Chippenham	73	52	53	78	18		
Durrington CE, Swindon	56	57	63	69			
Goddard Park, Swindon	45	54	53	80	18		
Tregoes, Swindon	33	64	52	70			
St Martin's CE, Salisbury SP4 9PJ	21	57	61	71			
All Saints CE, Salisbury SP5 2SU	14	57	57	71			
Seerby CE, Chippenham	13	69	54	62	18		
St Paul's CE, Salisbury	33	64	54	64			
Longlance, Swindon	50	68	52	64			
Southfield, Swindon	54	65	56	63	18		
Frogwell, Chippenham	84	55	59	69	18		
St John's RC, Swindon	62	62	57	75			
St Patrick's RC, Gosham	32	63	56	63			
St Catherine's RC, Swindon	30	63	60	67	18		
St Mary's CE, Salisbury	14	57	54	74			
St Michael's CE, Marlborough	22	64	50	84			
Aldebury & W Gtmarston CE, Salisbury	18	61	51	72	17		
Gorell Hill, Swindon	25	62	55	73			
Kings Lodge, Chippenham	72	68	44	65	17		
Southdown CE, Devizes	63	54	48	76	17		
Zouch, Tidworth	25	62	48				
Avenue Co, Warminster	42	57	55	62			
Stambourne CE, Warminster	54	57	48	61	17		
St John's RC, Swindon	58	58	58	63	17		
Amesbury CE, Salisbury	69	51	49	74	17		
Colerne CE, Chippenham	24	58	42	71	17		
Paul's CE, Salisbury	24	54	54				
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	40	55					
Royley King, Swindon	20	55					
Toothill, Swindon	60	48	47	75	17		
Westlea, Swindon	48	63	52	54	18		
St Andrew's CE, Trowbridge	50	58					
St Paul's Co, Chippenham	27	68	53	48	17		
Westbury CE, Westbury	87	55	51	61	18		
St John's CE, Warminster	26	58	46	61			
Southwick, Trowbridge	68	46	46	59	18		
St John's CE, Warminster	15	60	53	53	18		
St Paul's CE, Salisbury	60	43	53	63			
Lalmsmead, Swindon	34	58	53	74			
Holy Trinity CE, Calne	25	56	52	56			
St Ray's CE, Swindon	37	58	51	54	18		
St John's CE, Salisbury	57	57					
Hilperton CE, Trowbridge	18	56	38	69	18		
Clarendon, Tidworth	61	48	46	65			
St John's CE, Marlborough	36	45	45	61			
Fisherton Manor, Salisbury	86	55	34	70	18		
Holy Trinity, Devizes	17	59	47	33	19		
St John's CE, Swindon	42	58	43	51			
Ludgershall Castle, Andover	43	47	42	67	18		
Gosham Co, Gosham	37	57	49	49	18		
Redford Chippenham	26	50	50	54			
Duchy Manor, Warminster	43	44	42	67	18		
Wastley, Devizes	45	56	44	53	18		
St Wilfrid's CE, Swindon	50	44	50	44	14		
St Martin's CE, Salisbury	39	49	49	51	14		
St Edmund's RC, Calne	34	65	32	50	14		
St Peter's CE, Salisbury	69	64	48	44	14		
Winterlow CE, Salisbury	18	66	44	44	14		
Robourne Cheney Co, Swindon	32	40	40	60	14		
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	40	48	38	50	14		
Windmill, Melksham	64	48	38	50	14		
Lincoln Hill Co, Swindon	30	53	30	53	13		
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	12	50	42	42	13		
Christ The King RC, Salisbury	36	33	31	63	13		
Upover Co, Pewsey	19	37	37	58	13		
Drove, Swindon	44	45	45	41	13		
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	57	42	42	63	13		
Meredon, Swindon	84	54	3	44	12		
Eldone, Swindon	70	37	33	56	12		
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	61	40	42	45	12		
Fernehill, Swindon	47	51	40	32	12		
Stacy Green, Trowbridge	53	38	35	53	12		
St Wilfrid's CE, Trowbridge	33	43	41	41	12		
Wilton CE, Salisbury	83	45	31	42			
St Catherine's CE, Marlborough	12	42	42	33	11		
St John's CE, Melksham	54	58	22	39	11		
Stratton CE, Swindon CE, Salisbury	12	42	42	33	11		
Kimpton CE, Salisbury	12	42	33	41	11		
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	41	32	29	41	10		
Portsmouth CE, Salisbury	48	25	48				
Park South, Swindon	75	33	21	31	9		
Avon, Salisbury	75	33	21	31	9		
Pooleme CE, Devizes	22	45	18	32	9		
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	45	31	31	28	9		
St Dunston CE, Calne	28	35	29	30	9		
New Norton, Trowbridge	56	32	32	23	7		
Lilbury, Salisbury	31	23	18	35	74		
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	73	26	28	19	71		
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	18	37	11	21	62		
Dillon Marsh CE, Westbury	57	14	18	32	64		
Penhill, Swindon	57	14	18	32	64		
Wootton Bassett, Swindon	42	14	18	32	64		
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SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in No. of eligible pupils	English	Mathematics
West Kirby, Wirral	24	92	70
Standon Road, Wirral	43	86	88
Great Meols, Wirral	61	90	77
St Bridget's CE, Wirral	39	85	81
Blackburn, Wirral	31	84	81
Gailey, Wirral	26	82	81
Lacydonnall CE, Wirral	40	85	78
Pensby Park, Wirral	21	76	81
St Peter's CE, Wirral	39	85	84
Thornhill, Wirral	35	83	80
Christ The King, Wirral	54	85	81
Brookdale, Wirral	46	83	74
Barnston, Wirral	37	77	85
Queen St Seaside's CE, Birkenhead	30	83	75
Higher Seabington, Wirral	84	83	75
Irby, Wirral	34	86	82
Overschurch, Wirral	77	82	82
Greenaby, Wirral	77	82	82
St Alban's RC, Wallasey	42	78	73
Greenleaf, Wallasey	42	78	84
Christ Church CE, Wirral	50	78	80
Pendin, Birkenhead	58	83	80
St Joseph's RC, Wirral	37	78	85
Heswall CO, Wirral	20	90	86
Blackwood, Wirral	70	71	70
St George's, Wallasey	112	78	75
Sacred Heart RC, Wirral	40	71	77
Our L of Lourdes, Wirral	44	76	73
St Paul & St Paul, Wallasey	49	81	78
St Anne's RC, Birkenhead	29	72	86
Holy Trinity CE, Wirral	43	80	71
Mount, Wallasey	45	78	82
St Andrew's RC, Birkenhead	50	86	84
Black Horse Hill, Wirral	70	58	64
Hilkeale, Wirral	53	65	74
Heatham, Wirral	55	62	68
New Brighton, Wallasey	91	63	66
Woodlands, Birkenhead	47	57	67
Sandbrook, Wirral	80	59	67
Grove Street, Wirral	32	62	66
Lingham, Wirral	78	56	63
St Andrew's CE, Wirral	19	61	72
St Anne's CE, Wirral	18	60	68
St Mch & All Angels, Wirral	23	74	58
Pensby, Wirral	80	57	60
Widley, Wirral	84	51	64
Haygarth, Wirral	58	47	58
Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead	73	59	58
Christ Church CE, Birkenhead	28	64	54
Barnton, Birkenhead	72	69	44
Mendall, Wirral	68	60	48
Townfield, Birkenhead	68	68	48
Church Lane, Wirral	61	59	48
Dell, Birkenhead	46	48	48
Liscard, Wallasey	101	51	48
St Lawrence's RC, Birkenhead	42	58	42
St George's RC, Wirral	49	59	47
Somerville, Wirral	69	57	49
St Joseph's RC, Wallasey	47	45	38
St Devonia Park, Birkenhead	56	59	41
Our L & St Edward's RC, Birkenhead	29	41	45
Woodale, Wirral	30	50	50
Woodchurch CE, Wirral	47	37	40
Cartfoot Street, Birkenhead	23	52	35
Eastway, Wirral	57	48	40
Portland, Birkenhead	47	51	43
St George's RC, Birkenhead	20	45	40
Egmont, Wallasey	61	44	38
Lewescoe, Wirral	48	53	42
Roulton, Wallasey	35	41	38
Priony CE, Birkenhead	30	50	43
Arrow Hill, Wirral	42	52	36
Well Lane, Birkenhead	52	39	40
High Cross RC, Birkenhead	43	30	48
Riverdale, Wallasey	52	37	42
Rock Ferry, Birkenhead	37	49	49
Manor, Birkenhead	29	51	49
Kingsley, Wirral	39	49	33
Marsay Park, Birkenhead	48	35	41
St Werburgh's RC, Birkenhead	31	35	32
St Andrew's CE, Birkenhead	35	35	33
Vyner, Birkenhead	40	23	26
Fendler, Wirral	27	30	28
Seaford Road, Birkenhead	22	19	43
Blackthorn Village CE, Birkenhead	42	27	24
Castlemay, Wirral	30	23	17
St Paul's RC, Birkenhead	12	17	17

St Thomas's CE, WW11 5TG	29	80	90	98	265	
Starch Church CE, WW6 BLS	32	83	87	92	242	
St Patrick's RC, WW11 1PG	18	83	87	93	233	
Uplands, WVS3 BA	76	82	87	91	233	
Concord, WW11 2LT	77	82	87	91	233	
Woodfield, WVS4 4AG	99	77	71	84	232	
Holy Rosary RC, WW1 2SS	12	75	67	84	225	
St Andrew's RC, WW4 6LG	78	75	67	84	225	
Woodthorne, WVS8 SO	45	76	69	76	223	
Castletree, WVS3 BS	28	75	70	71	217	
D'Eyncourt, WW1 1DO	37	70	65	73	206	
St Andrew's, WW4 9E	84	64	54	64	194	
St Michael's CE, WVS 9AF	31	65	59	67	207	
Palmer's Cross, WVS6 SD	31	65	57	74	206	
St Mary's, WW1 1E	73	65	59	67	206	
Long Knowle, WW11 1EB	25	68	60	72	200	
Moor House, WW1 3BT	31	65	61	74	200	
Plenty Hall, WW11 S00	50	72	64	70	200	
St Andrew's, WW11 3QQ	45	68	60	68	191	
Bingley, WVS3 OH	35	50	54	75	189	
Cleangate, WVS6 6LU	31	65	58	76	189	
St Andrew's, WW1 1H, WVS2 1HZ	45	58	52	65	189	
Warstone, WW4 4UL	96	63	47	70	180	
St Jude's CE, WVS 00T	80	63	48	65	176	
Wood End, WW11 1YD	27	58	48	60	174	
St Paul's, WW1 1A	31	64	51	64	174	
Springdale, WVS4 4NJ	76	64	37	64	185	
St Mary's RC, WW10 BFG	43	47	53	65	185	
Fencliffe, WVS2 0ED	58	53	45	53	185	
St Anthony's RC, WW10 BNN	48	56	52	58	184	
Lansdale, WVS4 6SZ	36	64	84	44	33	161
Gotholm Park, WVS4 SET	24	63	46	50	160	
St Andrew's, WW1 8TR	63	46	46	50	160	
Villars, WVS4 6PR	66	35	47	58	158	
Woodensfield, WW11 1PW	46	47	26	55	158	
St Andrew's CE, WW4 7FG	34	44	38	54	158	
Wildkinton, WVS4 6UR	30	63	47	40	150	
Loxdale, WW14 0PH	29	59	45	45	146	
St Andrew's, WW10 BNN	74	49	45	55	146	
Dunsmore Park, WW11 2LA	33	42	46	41	146	
Elston Hall, WW10 BNN	73	49	44	53	146	
Merridale, WVS3 0DS	32	47	47	41	135	
St Albans, WW11 2PF	47	37	38	38	135	
Rakegate, WW10 6SU	65	36	35	135		
Stow Heath, WW13 3TT	92	47	26	48	131	
St Andrew's, WW11 2E	51	44	34	43	127	
Giffard RC, WVS6 0HR	22	52	41	45	127	
Long, WW10 0KH	15	53	27	47	127	
Sturminster, WW1 6EH	29	31	41	55	127	
St Thomas's CE, WW4 6AW	42	45	45	45	125	
Grestley, WVS2 4NE	24	33	42	50	125	
St Martin's CE, WW14 9ES	31	45	16	37	122	
St Andrew's, WW11 7AE	40	40	37	44	122	
Brocklinton, WVS3 0PR	20	40	25	55	120	
Manor, WW14 9UG	35	31	37	49	117	
St Andrew's CE, WVS6 0RH	55	36	31	47	117	
Westnashford Vge, WW11 1TN	52	36	31	47	117	
Coltongrove, WW10 6DS	103	34	35	42	111	
St Paul's, WW11 1E	78	43	28	42	111	
St Luke's CE, WW2 4PJ	46	12	41	59	99	
Trinity CE, WW10 QUB	61	34	26	38	96	
Al Saints CE, WVS2 1EL	50	30	35	30	91	
Wooden, WW10 QULJ	40	33	16	30	91	
Whitgrave, WW10 1SP	26	34	27	30	91	
Spring Vge, WVS4 6SD	36	42	33	24	85	
Doncasters, WVS1 1TX	26	36	29	24	85	
Grove, WVS2 1HZ	34	32	29	24	85	
Parfield, WVS4 6BH	38	28	28	31	85	
Elston CE, WW14 6HU	18	19	25	36	76	
Underhill, WW10 8NZ	28	21	18	36	76	
Bushbury Hall, WW10 B9B	66	29	17	27	78	
Elngrove, WW10 8NZ	32	20	20	26	78	
St Stephen's CE, WW10 0DB	30	19	22	66	66	
Dunstable Hill, WVS 0NH	24	20	1			

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Dunnington CE, York	28	96	93	93	285
Quisen Grove, York	25	92	98	92	280
Wharfedale, York	94	78	89	89	282
Haydon Headlands, York	45	84	82	81	257
Scarborough, York	31	68	84	84	256
York, York	17	82	81	81	257
St. Eborac, York	36	81	81	81	257
Archbishop of York's CE, York	38	86	81	81	250
St Paul's CE, York	20	85	70	85	240
Fulford, York	34	76	74	74	237
St Lawrence's CE, York	34	76	74	74	237
Hemphel, York	28	75	81	81	237
Stanton, York	24	75	79	83	237
Upper Poppleton, York	48	82	89	85	237
Kilnwick, York	85	91	79	85	237
Woodthorpe, York	84	88	74	93	235
Dringhouses, York	38	79	78	79	234
English Mary's RC, York	38	88	73	79	231
Robert Williams' RC, York	79	73	79	79	231
Lakeside, York	28	64	71	93	228
St Andrew's RC, York	30	83	70	70	223
St Edmund's, York	39	72	67	79	223
Wigginton Co, York	89	80	68	75	213
Comptonthorpe, York	58	68	68	75	207
Brookton-on-the-Forest, York	17	65	68	79	206
Fishergate, York	57	53	81	81	203
Clifton Without Co, York	71	62	68	68	198
Tang Hall Co, York	53	60	64	74	198
St Willard's RC, York	41	68	68	69	195
St George's RC, York	30	57	67	67	191
Our Lady's RC, York	32	56	63	69	191
Park Grove, York	23	65	62	70	187
Poppleton Road Co, York	47	62	57	69	187
St Andrew's CE, York	34	67	63	63	187
Carr Co, York	67	63	64	69	175
Huntington, York	49	59	63	61	173
Heworth CE, York	15	53	47	67	167
Stamley Green, York	55	61	45	69	165
St Barnabas CE, York	18	61	61	39	161
Westfield, York	93	57	40	53	150
New Earswick Underdon, York	28	38	54	54	147
St Andrew's CE, York	46	43	43	43	143
St Lawrence's CE, York	80	37	37	37	131
Neasby Road, York	44	20	45	61	126
Hob Moor, York	70	33	30	46	109
DRINGHOUSE, YORK					

Thornton Hough, Wirral	26	100	92	82	284
Dawpool CE, Wirral	32	100	84	91	275
Brutton Lane, Wirral	50	88	88	97	271

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Dawpool CE, Wirral	32	100	84	91	275
Brutton Lane, Wirral	50	88	88	97	271

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